

Class 1 News

Summer 2023



Welcome Back!

Miss Mason, Mrs Warren and Miss Warren would like to welcome Class 1 back for the last term of the school year! We hope that you have all had a fantastic Easter break and are ready for what promises to be another very exciting term!

On the next page you will find an outline of what we will be covering across the curriculum in the Summer term.

Just a quick reminder; doors open at **8:40am** and school starts at **8:45am** and ends at **3:15pm**. Morning nursery sessions start at **8:45am** and end at **11:45am** and afternoon nursery sessions start at **12:15pm** and end at **3:15pm**.

If you should need to contact school the telephone number is **01429 870254**.

If you have any problems or questions about any part of your child's school life, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team on a morning or after school! We want every child to feel happy and safe!

Don't forget to browse through some of the useful websites related to our topics.

Many thanks,

Class 1 Team

PE Kit Reminder for Reception Children.

Indoor PE Kit: Children should wear a white top and navy shorts and plimsolls or trainers.

Outdoor PE Kit: As above but with additional jogging bottoms and sweatshirt top and trainers.

Our PE day is Friday. *Please note- Nursery children can come to school in comfortable clothes and plimsolls or trainers.

Please ensure that all your child's personal clothing and property is clearly named.

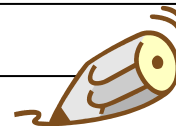
Uniform

We love all the children to wear school uniform. It gives the children a sense of pride and belonging to the school and it looks wonderful!

- ★ Dark blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan.
- ★ Dark blue or grey skirt/pinafore
- ★ Blue, grey or black trousers
- ★ White or blue polo shirt
- ★ Blue gingham dress
- ★ Sensible, black footwear (no trainers)

Jewellery shouldn't be worn for health and safety reasons. Please help us to enforce this.

Homework



Homework

Homework will be sent out at the beginning of the half term and will include two tasks. The first a research activity and the second a creative task, both based on the topic. Details of when this should be handed in are included on the homework sheet. Photographs of the homework can be posted onto Seesaw or Tapestry.

Reading

Reading at home is extremely important! When appropriate, Reception children will take a book home from school that is appropriate for them and all children have access to the Bug Club where books will be added regularly. All children in Class 1 will also take home a library book each week. These reading books and library books, along with any other book that has been shared at home can be recorded inside your child's reading record, as evidence of reading at home. We would love to see your child read or share a story with someone at home at least three times a week. All books recorded will count towards your child's three books a week target. I would be grateful if you could ensure your child's reading diary is always in school by Thursday. It will be kept in school on a Thursday night and be sent home again on Friday along with a new reading and, or library book.

Weekly Newsletter and Activity

Children in Class 1 will also bring home a weekly newsletter to let parents know about all of the exciting things that have been going on that week and about what the children have been learning in school. This letter will also contain important reminders and ideas on how parents can support children's learning at home.



Maths

- ★ Building numbers beyond 10
- ★ Counting patterns beyond 10
- ★ Spatial reasoning (1)
- ★ Match, rotate, manipulate
- ★ Adding more
- ★ Taking away



Communication and Language

Children will be given lots of opportunities to develop this area of learning throughout the term and this is a particular area of focus in Class 1. It would be brilliant if you could help to promote your child's speaking at home through regular interaction, storytelling and games. The classroom environment will be designed to promote speech and interaction through role play areas based on the stories we will be focusing on in class, reading areas, and through team work and collaborative play activities.

Literacy

Throughout the half term we will be looking at the texts; The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, Somebody Swallowed Stanley and The Snail and the Whale.

Children in Reception will be doing lots of retelling and writing based on these texts. I'm sure you will be impressed with their level of skill in writing throughout this term as we prepare them for their transition to Class 2 in September.

In the first half term, children in nursery will focus on alliteration and will play lots of games to help them understand the concept and to help them to begin to hear the initial sound in words.

RE

Our RE theme for this half term is 'Let's Find Out About: how I am special, special objects, special music and special places.'

Coast to Coast

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be creating their own watercolour paintings of landscapes. They will also be preparing sandwiches for the lighthouse keeper's lunch. They will then be making and using pulleys to transport their sandwiches in DT.

Physical Development

Throughout this half term, children in Reception will be using balance bikes to help with their gross motor development. Nursery children will take part in tricky fine motor challenges. Children will also be preparing for Sports Day in the second half term.

Understanding of the World

This half term, the children will be researching the life of Grace Darling and why she was important. We will also be looking at what floats and sinks. After exploring the features of the coast, we will then learn about the effects of pollution.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Throughout the term, children will continue their Star of the Week selections, during which the previous "Star" chooses a peer that they feel has demonstrated an attribute worthy of special praise. In addition, they will take part in "Monday Morning Mix Up", where children are selected to be special friends for the morning, encouraging all children to mix socially within the class. Children will also take part in a weekly 'circle time' during which they are encouraged to take turns, listen to one another and share feelings and opinions.

Literacy

In class, we will be reading the stories; We're Going on a Bear Hunt, The World Around Me and How Does a Butterfly Grow?

Children in Reception will be:

- Going on a 'bear hunt' around Greatham.
- Creating a postcard.
- Writing a diary of butterflies.

Nursery children will be working on voice sounds and oral blending and segmenting

Maths

- ★ Spatial reasoning (2)
- ★ Compose and decompose
- ★ Doubling
- ★ Sharing and Grouping
- ★ Even and Odd
- ★ Spatial reasoning (3)
- ★ Visualise and build
- ★ Deepening understanding
- ★ Patterns and relationships
- ★ Spatial Reasoning (4)
- ★ Mapping

Communication and Language

- Re-telling familiar stories.
- Developing their language skills through their exploration and descriptions of shapes in the environment.
- Communication and language is also promoted through our themed role play and small world areas.
- Singing nursery rhymes.

Understanding of the World

This half term, we will be getting some special visitors as we welcome some butterflies into the classroom. The children will be learning all about their life cycle and observing changes.

Children will also be exploring the different geographical features of our school grounds and creating a photo exhibition.

What a Wonderful World



Expressive Arts and Design

Children will take part in a selection of adult initiated art and design activities including:

- Making collage butterflies in the style of Eric Carle
- Making a butterfly feeder for the Nature Garden
- Making fruity Butterflies

as well as setting themselves their own creative challenges using the resources in the classroom.

Physical Development

Reception will take part in a Sports Day games unit. Nursery children will be continuing their work on their fine and gross motor skills. Children will also take part in sports day.

RE

- In RE, our theme is Let's Find Out About My World and Jesus' World.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

- ★ As in the first half term, children will continue their Star of The Week selections and will continue to take part in 'Monday Morning Mix Up' and weekly circle time sessions.

Websites to help support your child at home...

BBC Schools

Here you will find lots of fun Literacy and Numeracy games to support your child's learning.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Roy the Zebra

This website has some fantastic reading, writing and phonics games. Just click on 'Interactive Reading Games' at the top of the page.

<http://roythezebra.com/>

Woodland Junior School

On this site you will find lots of links to different interactive games and activities for the entire curriculum.

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

ICT Games

This site has a range of fun Literacy and Numeracy games to play with your child.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk>

Phonics Play

A variety of fun letters and sounds games (click on 'free phonics play').

www.phonicsplay.co.uk



Remember there are also online books for Reception children Miss Mason has selected to support your child on the Bug Club (www.activelearnprimary.co.uk - School Code: lqt3)



Reception

As we approach the end of the school year, it is more important than ever to keep reading at home with your child. This skill helps them enormously when they progress throughout the school with every aspect of their school life and so it would be fantastic if you could continue to read regularly with them at home.

The children will also be consolidating their writing skills throughout this term and so encouraging them to write at home (whether it is with pencils, pens, paint or chalks, inside or outside) will be a great help. They are all very proud of how well they are doing and I imagine would be very proud to show off their sentence writing skills to you at home!

Nursery

In order to help develop your child's speaking skills it would be great if you could continue to share library books and stories with them at home.

The children will be practising their number and counting skills throughout this term. They really enjoy using the computer to help with this. A great website that you could access at home is www.topmarks.co.uk. This site has lots of interactive counting and number games your child will love.