

Autumn 2019 – Termly Topic Update

September 2019

We hope you had a wonderful summer. Reception marks the beginning of your child's education. Starting school brings a time of mixed emotions for children, parents and staff creating feelings of excitement, anticipation and expectation. The first few weeks of school life are very valuable in getting to know each other and becoming familiar with the school routines.

As our Reception children are enjoying exploring their new environment staff are busy getting to know each child finding out what they enjoy and are interested in, what they are confident in and where they may need a bit more support. During this period, we carry out a range of assessments to inform future planning and learning. This enables us to create challenging and appropriate activities for everyone.

We are really excited about our topic this term... 'Jolly Journeys'. Children will be learning about different types of transport and ways of travelling. They will take part in a range of engaging cross-curricular activities to enhance their understanding of this topic.

Phonics

Children will have daily phonics sessions and lots of opportunities for writing throughout the day. Please help your child write their name independently using a capital letter followed by lower case letters. On the 2nd October there will be a meeting for all parents to provide you with information and guidance on how you can support your child at home. This will include how we teach reading, phonics and handwriting in school.

Reading

This year we are piloting the National Baseline Assessment materials. Please refer to the letter sent out by Mrs Morrison for more information. Once this has been completed and children are settled into the school routines we will send home a reading book and they will be heard read once a week at school. This will either be through individual reading or guided (group) reading. Please ensure your child has their book bag in school every day as this may not be the same day every week. Please make a note in your child's reading log when you have listened to them read.

Rainbow Challenges

Go for a ride on a bus draw a map showing where you went.

Create a painting using different vehicles.

Go to the library and find a book about going on a journey.

Write down the registration number of a vehicle then make one of your own for your bike or scooter.

Outdoor Learning

During the afternoon children will take part in our 'Discover and do' sessions and 'Welly Wednesdays'. For these your child will need a pair of named wellies to keep in school along with a waterproof coat.

Maths

Children will have a daily session of maths teaching. Please support your child with recognising numerals and counting to 20. Provide them with opportunities to practice accurately counting out the correct number of objects up to 20.

PE

PE is on a Tuesday. Long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons. If a child comes in wearing earrings or does not have a PE kit in school they will not be allowed to take part. Please support your child to dress and undress at home independently and make sure all their belongings are named.

Reception Staff

Mrs Mayes

Early Years Leader and Buttercup class teacher

Mrs Woolford

Daisy class teacher
(Mon, Tues, Thurs)

Mrs Jordan

Daisy class teacher
(Weds, Fri)

Mrs Buntun, Mrs Whelan, Mrs Laflin and Mrs Sloman

Learning Support Assistants

Autumn Term Key Dates

Phonics Information Session for parents on the 2nd October at 2.45pm.

Half Term
Week beginning 21st October.

Parents Evenings
Week beginning 14th October.

Parent Partnership Opportunities

Maths is Fun -Tuesday 29th October at 9.15 – 10am

Penguin Plod on 12th December at 10.45am

Carol Concert – Wednesday 18th December at 2pm.

Green Tea Mornings
9 – 10am
Wednesday 2nd October
Wednesday 6th November
Wednesday 4th December

More information will follow.