



Weekly Newsletter
13th January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week in school and the fall of the snow today has added to the children's excitement, despite it disappearing very quickly.

Unfortunately I have failed in my challenge to learn all the children's names by the end of this week. The children have been very kind to me and very patient, demonstrating our value of the week. Our value next week is Tolerance, so again this will be another opportunity for the children to show me theirs as I continue to learn their names.

The School Council have met today and are engaged in, or are planning, a variety of activities. They are keen to establish the end of year reward for the winning House, a cause for our next fund raising activity and the range of after-school clubs we run. The Council will be collecting children's views on these areas over the next couple of weeks so it may be that your child mentions them at home.

As the weather continues to embrace the winter season, please can you make sure that all children come to school suitably dressed with warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves and sensible shoes. Many children have similar designs so please can you ensure that all items are clearly named. In the event that school has to close owing to bad weather, please listen to the local radio stations for information and updates. Lincolnshire County Council website will also have full details.

I wish you a warm and enjoyable weekend.

Thank you,

Kerry Whitham

Diary Dates

January

Friday 20th – Swimming sessions begin for Class 3

February

Friday 10th - End of term 3 – school closes at 3:30pm

Friday 10th - PFA Disco 6pm

Monday 20th – Start of term 4 – school reopens for children and staff

Music Tuition

We have one place for piano and woodwind instruments. If your child is interested then please could you speak directly to Mrs Blackburn.

After School Clubs

Sports Club will begin again next week, Thursday 19th January. A separate letter has been sent home regarding this.

Topics and Themes for this term

Class 1

This term we are focusing on the theme 'People who help us', looking at both the school and wider communities. During this half term we shall also be working on securing our Phase 2 and 3 phonics for Reception and continuing with Phase 1 and 2 with Pre School children. In mathematics, the children are eager to hone their skills in recognising numbers and counting. This will lead to us practicing one more and one less and counting on. Our Continuous Provision allows children to develop their communication and language skills, personal, social and emotional skills, physical development and also their creative mind and hands. We offer the children a range of activities from role play with costumes and train tracks to getting messy with play dough, paint and different foods. We are excited for the term ahead and looking forward to learning together.

Class 2

In Class 2 this half term, our topic is the author Julia Donaldson, which the children are loving so far! We are reading lots of her books and have looked at the work of one of the illustrators, Axel Scheffler. We are linking the work of Julia Donaldson to as many subjects as possible – biography writing in English; illustrations and clay work in art; different animals and their habitats in Science. In Maths we are continuing to focus on skills such as counting and number reading/writing and also looking at money, fractions, shapes, ordinal numbers, missing number problems and number bond works. We are looking to link our class trip this year to the topic of Julia Donaldson as the children have embraced it so enthusiastically.

Class 3

In Class 3, our topic this term is the United Kingdom. We will be learning about which countries make up the U.K., using online maps to find places in the U.K. and naming the main islands in the British Isles. In maths, we will be learning about fractions and looking at the area and perimeter of 2d shapes. In English, we will be studying verb forms and learning about different sentence types, as well as writing letters and creating our own kennings. It's going to be a busy term!

Class 4

In Class 4 we are reading "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes. Our foci include vocabulary building, reading for understanding, researching the notion of epic poetry in English and contrasting epic narrative and other (shorter) forms of poetry. We will also be developing our drama skills as we perform scenes based on the book. We will continue to develop grammar, punctuation and spelling skills. In maths we will focus on the following skills: Number and Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Multiplication & Division, Fractions including Decimals and Percentages, Geometry (Position and Direction) and Measurement. We have regular sessions to encourage and extend our mental maths development. Our Science topic has begun with a practical activity looking at how the digestive system works. We will also study the impact of diet, exercise and lifestyle on the way our bodies function, sport science and performance measurement.