

Newsletter to Parents

Welcome back to the new school year!

The main theme this term will be '**Up, up and away!**' This will include learning about air travel, world Geography, famous aviators of the past and forces and friction. We have already been busy building a role play airport complete with security and passport control, shopping, food and drink, a runway and workshop!

In **English** we will use stories that link to our topic to read, retell and act out. We will then use these familiar structures to write our own stories using some of the 'story language' we have learnt, starting with 'Room on the Broom'. We will be looking at sentence structures as part of our grammar, making sure we use full stops and capital letters correctly before moving on to more ambitious punctuation. The children will also have their daily phonics/spelling and guided reading sessions. To support their speaking and listening skills, our 'show and tell' sessions will begin soon; a letter will be sent home soon with details and dates.

In **Maths** the children will continue to learn key number skills throughout the year such as reading, writing, sequencing and ordering numbers to 10, 20, 100 and beyond, counting, adding and subtracting, learning number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and times tables.

This term the additional main themes will be:

Place value

Addition and subtraction

Shape

Money (Year 2)

Multiplication and division (Year 2)

In **Science** the children will investigate different types of forces and their effects on objects and materials. We will look for seasonal changes, finding out how and why they happen.

We will also be learning how to work scientifically, asking questions, observing, testing, gathering data and identifying answers in our 'investigation station'.

Children will continue to be taught **Games** by our Sports coach on **Thursdays**. On Fridays they will have a **Gymnastics** lesson in the hall. Please ensure your child's **full PE kit is in school every day and that all items are clearly named**.

They will need shorts and a t-shirt, a warm jumper or tracksuit top and outdoor trainers.

Forest sessions will run in blocks on a Tuesday afternoon but not until after Christmas and we will send home a note when your child needs their kit so keep an eye on home-school diaries.

Home Learning will continue to be set every Friday. Encourage your child to use their best presentation for all Home Learning tasks (pencil not pen/biro/felt-tip please) and to hand in work on time - Monday for spelling books and Wednesday for yellow folders.

Mathletics logins will soon be stuck into everyone's home school diaries so please make the most of this resource.

Please remember that regular, daily reading is an essential part of home learning and really makes a difference across the curriculum.

Year one children need to keep up with their phonic knowledge so please continue to support them at home - a good online resource is 'phonics play'.

Please feel free to send in any items you think would support the children's learning this term such as books, photographs, posters, artefacts etc.

We hope you find this information useful. We thank you in advance for your help in supporting your child so they can achieve their full potential. You are welcome to come and speak to us if you have any questions or queries!

Yours sincerely,

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