



Newsletter



Monday 13th September 2021



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 13 th		
Tuesday 14 th September	Whole school Reception	PE (come in PE kit) Tree-mendous Forest School session (outdoor gear needed!)
Wednesday 15 th September		
Thursday 16 th September	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag) ParentPay is set up for all swimming contributions.
Friday 17 th September	Reception:	Forest Friday - please bring a pair of wellies, tracksuit bottoms and suitable outdoor coat (depending on the weather!) in a carrier bag to get changed into.
Monday 20 th September	Whole school	Photographer to visit - please complete form and return to school.
Tuesday 21 st September	Whole school Reception	PE Tree-mendous Tuesday (Forest school)
Wednesday 22 nd September		
Thursday 23 rd September	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag) ParentPay will be set up for swimming contributions.
Friday 24 th September	Reception	Forest school session



*Please contact school as soon as possible if your child is absent – thank you.
For the safety of all children - please inform school directly if there are any changes to your child's home time arrangements – thank you.
If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms you will be asked to get them tested with a PCR test following the latest government guidance.*



Reading books

We really, really love reading in our school and aim to read at least 3 times every week at home to get a Golden Ticket on a Friday, then get put in the draw to win a prize.

Reading books need to be brought to school every day – we will change them on Mondays and Fridays (it's okay to read a book again if you finish it during the week)

Children have been able to visit our school library and take home a book to change on a weekly basis.



Swimming Class 2 (Years 3, 4 and 5)

We managed to get back in good time last week - please try to come to school in quick and easy clothing (woolly tights & fiddly buttons are a bit tricky if you're not totally dried!)

Swimming contributions will be accepted using Parentpay (£5 weekly per child or any other amount to go towards the cost of pool admission & transport) Thank you.

Data collection forms :

Please return all pupil data forms to the school office enabling Mrs Piggford to update our admin systems - thank you.

What are we doing in our classrooms this week...?

Reception: We are looking forward to another busy week in Reception where the children will be continuing to get familiar with Reception staff, the environment and routines. We will be having another session with Mr Ellison where the children will be playing a variety of games. We will be having 2 Forest School sessions this week. Fingers crossed for good weather! Throughout the week the children will listen to a variety of familiar stories and will join in with singing and number rhyme activities.

Class 1 : English- Our core book this half term is 'The Jolly Postman'. This week we will be predicting where the Jolly Postman is cycling to and from and we will be particularly using the story of 'Goldilocks and the 3 bears' to inspire our writing and reading comprehension.

Maths- We are continuing with place value. Year 1 will be counting objects and using different manipulatives (numicon, counters, ten frames etc) to represent numbers. Year 2 will be continuing to partition numbers into tens and ones using part- whole models and ordering numbers.

Science- Our topic this half term is seasonal changes. This week we will be identifying the 4 seasons and ordering them. We will be discussing what happens in each season.

Geography- Our topic this half term is 'Where we live'. This week we will be talking about where we live and drawing a picture of our house, it would be really useful for children to know their address.

Art- Our topic this half term is self portraits. This week we will be practising doing different lines such as curly lines, swirls and heavy and light lines.

P.E- Mr Ellison will be doing games this half term with a focus on team work.

R.E- This half term our topic is 'Why are churches important places to Christians?'. This week we will be exploring why churches are special places and exploring our special places.

Computing- We will be discussing how to keep safe online.

P.S.H.E- This week we will be introduced to Jigsaw Jack and talk about the jigsaw character.

How to help at home- read 3 times at home and look out for different numbers in your house and local area.

Class 2 : English - Our story for this half term is 'Oliver and the Seawigs', we will begin this book by considering who we think the characters in the photo are and how they might know each other. We will be predicting what might happen next and discussing our thoughts on what happens throughout the first few chapters. We learn about lots of Oliver's childhood stories and we will be considering our own stories that we have been told about but don't remember. Towards the end of the week, we will consider what we would take with us if we were explorers and how these items depend on where we are visiting, we will be giving reasons for each of our items.

Maths - Year 3 will be recalling their 2, 5 and 10 times tables that they learnt in Class 1 before progressing onto learning their 3 times tables. Year 4 and 5 will be working on Roman Numerals up to 100 for Year 4 and to 1000 for Year 5! We will do some codebreaking as part of this work. We will then be working on representing numbers in 100s, 10s and 1s for Year 3, and adding 1000s for Year 4 and 10,000s for Year 5.

Science - We will be beginning our topic on states of matter this week by learning about solids, liquids and gases. We will be considering the arrangements of particles in these states and the properties also.

Topic - Our topic for this half term is water, we will be learning about water freezing, evaporating and condensing this week.

RE - We begin learning about Islam this week by discovering how and where Islam was founded.

Computing - This half term we are going to be working on our presentation skills on the computers, we will be creating our own stories this weekend that we will put into PowerPoint next week.

Art - Our landscape topic begins this week with drawing a river scene.

French - We will be beginning our French for this year with learning different ways to say hello and goodbye.

PE - Games with Mr Ellison. Swimming.

Helping at home - Everyone got a new reading book last week, please make sure to read with your child at least three times a week.



Baseline assessment:

Over the next few weeks the children in Reception will be taking part in a short task-based assessment of their early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills. This is called the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) and it is a statutory requirement from the government. This assessment will form the start of a new measure of how schools are helping their pupils to progress between reception and year 6. Your child will not need to prepare. There is no pass mark or score and your child will not realise they are doing an assessment. Miss Newman and Mrs O`Connor will take the children out individually and the assessment will be carried out in a fun and positive way. If you would like any more information do not hesitate to get in touch. Further information about the RBA can be found here -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

School Photographer

We will have our visit from our school photographer next week. All children have been sent home with a letter today asking for your photographic requests – please return this to help us arrange the morning.

This year we are able to offer family photos at 9am as well as photographs with siblings in the middle school.



We are already planning for our next intake of Reception children and hope to be able to offer an open evening in the next few weeks. We'd be really grateful if you could let us know of any families who may be interested in attending our school so that we may include them on our invitation list. Thank you.