



Jeffers Class Autumn Newsletter Term 1

Welcome to Jeffers Class!

We hope you had a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to starting your child's school journey with them and have a fun and busy term ahead.

Class teachers: Mrs Robinson (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

Mrs Beatty (Thursday and Friday)

Our curriculum.....What makes me, me?

At our school our curriculum is focussed around a big, philosophical question which encompasses history, geography, art and D.T. The question this term is 'What makes me, me?' we shall be using this question to access our early learning goals and school curriculum in a very creative and exciting way. In history we are thinking about the past and our own history and timeline. We will be asking for baby photos so the children can think about their life and that of their families. We will be investigating how the children have developed and grown physically.

The first part of this term will very much focus on settling the children into school and making sure they are happy at school. We will be writing our class rules together, taking turns, sharing, playing co-operatively and using the classroom and resources effectively. We will be completing fine motor activities to develop the children's hand grip for writing. We will also be beginning our phonics journey and will start looking at sounds over the next week.

In our weekly outdoor education sessions with Mr Pasqualino we will be using our school grounds to enhance our learning, we will be looking at seasonal change and using natural materials each week for a set task. This will be every Wednesday.

Other things happening within our curriculum are, using the iPads to take photos and make collages, lots of reading, maths, junk modelling, role play, dressing up, outdoor games, art and design and MUCH MORE! In science our topic is ourselves and we shall be labelling our body parts and exploring our senses. In computing we are using the school iPads and familiarising ourselves with them, taking photographs and using simple programs. Our R.E. is all about understanding who and what is important to different groups of people.

Homework

Our phonics will begin in the next week and we will work in our class group learning phonemes to begin reading. We have sent home reading books. To start with they have no words just pictures and your child will tell the story through the pictures. We are really excited about reading in school. Our reading reward scheme works by the children receiving a stamp if they read 3 times a week. The stamps mean the children are awarded certificates, badges, medals and ultimately if they get over 30 stamps they go into a prize drawer and have a treat with the other champion readers. Please sign the white reading diary each time you read. Thank you

Mathletics and reading eggs are available each week for you to go on and work on these vital skills. This is optional and can be a great way to support your child. Logins will be stuck inside your communication books very soon. If you have any problems logging in, then please see one of us.

The homework menu will come out and your child can choose two activities to complete this term and then bring in week commencing Monday 7th October.

Class Dojo: This year we will begin using a platform called 'Class Dojo'. Over the coming weeks you will receive further information on this.

Reminders

Outdoor Education is every **Wednesday**. Please make sure your child is wearing suitable clothing for outdoor activities, especially as the weather gets colder.

P.E The children will come to school in their P.E. kit on a **Thursday** and we will be doing outdoor games this term with the Sports coach.

Tapestry will be set up over the next few weeks. We will share the children's learning through tapestry. We are equally very grateful for your uploads and love to see what the children are doing at home too.

Show and Tell will be every **Tuesday**. Your child can bring something special from home on this day to talk about to their friends but please make sure they only bring this in on Tuesdays.

Labelling Please make sure you label all your child's school uniform and belongings, including bags and water bottles. This is important to avoid losing items.

Bookbags Please place a key ring or something visible on your child's bookbag so that they can easily recognise it.

Family and Baby Photos Please send a baby photo of your child to school with them and a family photo to be displayed in the classroom. Please send these in by Friday 12th September.

We really value the relationship between parent and teacher and are here to support you with your child's learning. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.