

# Jeffers Class Summer Newsletter Term 5

Welcome back to Jeffers Class!

we hope you have had a wonderful and restful and chocolate fuelled Easter!

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

Mrs Beatty (Thursday and Friday)

## Our curriculum...How do humans use water?

At our school our curriculum is focussed around a big, philosophical question which encompasses history, geography, art and D.T. The question for the first half of the summer term is 'Why is water wonderful?' We shall be using this question to access the key EYFS learning in development matters, our early learning goals and school curriculum in an exciting and challenging way. This term our focus begins with questions and discussions about how we use water. We will consolidate the previous term's materials topic and design and create our own boats. Next, we will look at how water is used to help us keep healthy and why it is important to stay clean and hydrated. This will encompass washing and oral hygiene.

In maths this term we will be starting off with number. We will be working on counting and composition for much of the term. Looking deeply at what makes a number, parts and whole models and exploring different amounts. We then will revisit number bonds to 10 to build fluency with these vital quick recall facts.

In phonics we will continue to consolidate set 2 sounds and apply these in our writing. We are so pleased with the progress that the children have made in phonics that we are moving onto the green get writing books. Our daily phonics sessions in reading, segmenting, blending and decoding continue. In English we will be looking at engaging texts linked to our connections and topic on water. We will be encouraging the children to re-enact the stories through role play, use newly acquired topic related vocabulary both in their writing and in class discussions about our topic.

Our science topic is all about seasonal change as spring has completely sprung. We will be observing the tadpoles and caterpillars in class. Our science links to the big question on water as we learn about plants. We will be observing, drawing and growing plants. We shall be naming different plants and observing them grow as we aim to get the Jeffers Garden established.

Hopefully now the weather will improve, and we can fully embrace the outdoors in our outdoor ed sessions on a Wednesday. We shall be using the forest school area and visiting the river in the village to link to our water topic.

In R.E the theme for the term is 'our senses' we are really looking forward to this term as we look at how the senses are so important and relevant in different religions. This links well to our big question as we look at the importance of water in religion. We will be having a baptism in church of one of our dolls from class.

In PSHE the children will learn about relationships with family and friends, and we will be discussing this in our circle time and with activities to prompt further meaningful discussion.

### Homework

Mathletics and reading eggs are available each week for you to go on and work on these vital skills. It is such a great way to support your child and I hope you continue to log on at home and enjoy doing this.

Please remember to record your home reading in the reading diaries and continue with flashcards. Remember three times a week to achieve the reading stamp.

The homework menu will come out and your child can choose a minimum of two activities to complete this term and then bring in as and when you would like. Thankyou for all your brilliant work last term.

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### Reminders

**Outdoor Education** is every Wednesday  
Please make sure they are wearing suitable clothing for outdoor activities, especially this summer.

**P.E.** Children will have PE on a Thursday with Miss Wilson. Please continue to wear PE kit on this day.

**Tapestry** It is so wonderful to see what you are up to at home and the children love sharing this with their classmates. This helps with speaking and listening and growing confidence.

*We really value the relationship between parent and teachers and are here to support you with your child's learning.*

*Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. Mrs Robinson and Mrs Beatty*

**Trip to the Bramble Patch Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May please complete permission**

**Sports Day- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

A big thank you to ... for our wonderful new Mud kitchen and to all the helpers that attended our 'Spring spruce up'

