

Jeffers Class Autumn Newsletter Term 2

Welcome back to Jeffers Class!

I hope you have had a lovely half term.

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

Mrs Beatty (Thursday and Friday)

Miss Kendall and Mrs Wilson Teaching Assistants

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

This term our connections topic continues to explore ourselves, our local environment, our aspirations and similarities and differences with other cultures and customs.

In phonics we are making exceptional progress with recognising sounds, blending and beginning to read. We have now completed the teaching of the set 1 single letter sounds and the children are retaining these phonemes really well. This term we will continue to consolidate these phonemes and digraphs and move onto more blending as we learn to read.

Our maths this term will focus on shapes, patterns, spatial awareness and consolidating numbers to 10. This includes recognition and composition of numbers to 10.

Our science topic is 'seasonal change as autumn becomes winter' we will be looking at how the weather, light and dark change, the trees and what changes for plants and animals in winter. We will also be exploring animals and their habitats.

Our weekly outdoor education sessions with Mr Pasqualino continue this term, he does a fantastic job supporting our curriculum with fun and meaningful outdoor learning activities. This will include maths, our big questions, writing and art. These will continue every Wednesday please can children come to school in indoor footwear and bring their wellies for outside. The weather is changing so please ensure the children are layered up and appropriately dressed.

In D.T we will be designing and crafting our very own Christmas tree decoration.

In RE this term we will be looking at understanding Christianity exploring the question 'Why do Christians perform the nativity at Christmas?' This will link to our exposure to and discussions about the nativity story and performance of this.

In PSHE we are celebrating differences and looking at what makes us special and unique. We will be exploring differences between families, houses and personal strengths. We are learning how to be respectful to each other and discussing words to use to stand up for ourselves when someone is being unkind.

And of course, Christmas is coming. We are excited to enjoy lots of Christmas crafts, baking and getting the glitter out!

Homework

Mathletics and reading eggs available for you to access as you see fit. 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 keep up the green letter books and home reading. Our school expectation is signing the reading diary 3x a week when you read at home to earn the reading stamps and prizes.

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 fantastic work last term.

Reminders

Outdoor Education is every Wednesday. Please make sure they are wearing suitable clothing for outdoor activities, especially this winter. Long sleeved tops and trousers are essential and please send n waterproofs and wellingtons each week.

P.E. is on a Thursday. Children will come to school in their P.E. kit for P.E. with Mr Gill, our sports specialist.

Tapestry 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 is being done through tapestry so please upload your child's treasures for them to talk about in class. This helps with speaking and listening and growing confidence.

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

Dates for the diary:

Children in Need: Friday 15th November

Stay and Play session: Thursday 14th November 2.30-3.30 (more details to follow)

Tuesday 26th November WOW day: We invite you to come dressed in something that shows your future aspirations. (Something they'd like to be when they're older)

Wednesday 11th December: Our Christmas Nativity performance