

Jeffers Class Spring Newsletter Term 3

Welcome back to Jeffers Class!

We hope you have had a brilliant Christmas. Happy New Year!

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

Mrs Beatty (Thursday and Friday)

Our curriculum...

This term our connections topic has a focus on history as we explore old and new and past and present. This will be done through the story 'The Jolly Postman' and we will look at the traditional tales featured in this. We will compare old and new technology and changes that have been seen in the children's, their parents, and grandparent's lifetimes.

In phonics we will continue to teach fluency and decoding skills of 5/6 letter words and applying our letter knowledge of special friends and set 1 sounds. We are making great progress and thank you very much for the support at home. Books will change and we will begin red ditties in class. We will continue to put useful phonics videos on tapestry please use these to support your child's reading. Please aim to read 3 times a week with your child and record this in the white reading diary.

In Maths this term we will revisit numerals to ten, recognising amounts. Combining two amounts and making pairs of numbers. We will also learn about height, weight, and capacity.

Our science topic is materials we will be exploring the properties of materials and be describing them and thinking why they are fit for purpose. We will also continue learning about living things, focusing on polar animals.

Our weekly outdoor education sessions with Mr Pasqualino continue this term every Wednesday, 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. The weather can be cold so please ensure the children are layered up and appropriately dressed.

In D.T we will be exploring materials linked to science and designing and making a house for the 3 little pigs.

In RE this term, we will be looking at 'our beautiful world'. This topic looks at the different creation stories in Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism.

In PSHE, our unit is all about 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be thinking about setting goals, persevering through challenges, and celebrating our achievements.

Homework

Mathletics and reading eggs are available to you to reinforce your child's learning at home.

Please remember to record your home reading in the reading diaries. Three reads a week gives your child a stamp in their reading card which earns reading prizes.

We will continue to put the phonics videos on tapestry for you to watch at home, this is really helpful.

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. will be on a Thursday. Children will come to school in their P.E. kit on this day.

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 every Tuesday. 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:

As reading and the love of books is a big priority at Edenham we will be having termly book/story sessions in class. Our first one this year will be on **Friday 26th January at 8.45-9.15**, parents are invited to join. More details to follow.

WOW day... Children to come in dressed as a character from a fairytale. Date: Wednesday 12th February. Parents invited in at 2:45pm to see what we have got up to.