

# Jeffers Class Spring Newsletter Term 3

Welcome back to Jeffers Class!

I hope you have had a wonderful and restful Christmas!

Class teachers: Mrs Robinson (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday afternoon and Friday)

Mrs Roberts (Wednesday and Thursday morning)

## Our curriculum... Are we all inventors?

At our school our curriculum is focussed around a big, philosophical question which encompasses history, geography, art and D.T. The question for our spring term is 'Are we all inventors?' 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 history as we learn about key inventors from the past. We will talk about the lives of these people from the past and their roles in society. The focus will be on Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell and Henry Ford and their key inventions. Towards the end of the term we will explore our natural world around us and think about how we can take care of it.

In maths this term we will be revisiting numerals to 10 and continuing with one more and one less. We will then move onto combining 2 amounts and making pairs before looking at number bonds to 5.

Our phonics will begin with the set 2 sounds ay, ee, igh ow and oo. The sound shelf continues to be really helpful in reinforcing these sounds. Our daily phonics sessions, reading, segmenting, blending and decoding continue. We will be reinforcing the set 1 sounds and learning set 2 sounds.

Our science topic is 'characteristics of everyday materials' in our journey through this learning we shall be sorting, describing and looking at the properties of materials. We shall then move onto the uses of materials and help design a waterproof roof for the three little pigs.

Our weekly outdoor education sessions with Mrs Roberts continue this term, she does a wonderful job supporting our curriculum with fun and meaningful outdoor learning activities. This will include maths, our big questions, writing and art. This will be 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.

Mrs Roberts also delivers the R.E. which asks the big question *what makes our world so wonderful?*

In PSHE we are thinking about our dreams and goals. This is a time for us to talk about a goal that we would like to achieve. The children will also be encouraged to share a skill and teach one of their friends.

In computing this term, the children will be introduced to data by sorting and categorising data through branching databases and pictograms.

## 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.

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. Your projects are now on display in the hall.

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## 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....**Children will be on a Friday children will come to school in their P.E. kit on a Friday and we will be doing gymnastics and be using the trim trail.

**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 teacher and am here to support you with your child's learning. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Roberts.

