

November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

TERM TWO - NOVEMBER 2018

Please find detailed over the page news of this term's Curriculum for your child. Also, for your information:-

Home Reading Books

We believe reading is the foundation of learning. We would appreciate your support by reading regularly with and to your child at home, ideally for 15 minutes every school night, and signing their reading record.

Uniform

Thank you to all parents who support our school uniform policy and ensure their children are appropriately dressed each day. **Please ensure all clothing (including PE kit) is named!** Only small studs may be worn in ears; hoops are totally unacceptable. **Please remove earrings at home on P.E. days.** No other jewellery may be worn except watches or items of religious significance. A list of appropriate school uniform is available from the school office. Shoes should be worn to school, not boots, except in snow or very wet weather.

P.E.

Please note our P.E. day is Thursday this term. PE is a legal requirement of the National Curriculum, so every effort must be made to ensure that all children participate. If your child is persistently without kit, a letter may be sent asking parents to come into school and discuss the matter with the class teacher. All children should have a PE kit with them in school every day. Please ensure your child has the correct kit, all clearly labelled with their name, and in a suitable bag. In your child's PE kit, they should have the following items:-

***white or blue T-shirt**

***black or blue shorts**

***black or blue jogging bottoms or tracksuit**

***blue jumper (this can be school uniform sweatshirt or hoodie)**

***slip-on black plimsolls (KS1) trainers (KS2)**

As health and safety is very important when taking part in physical activities, watches or jewellery should either be removed or covered with a sweatband or micro pore tape, which is the pupils' responsibility to remember to bring in with them.


Please remember that we are always here to answer your questions or deal with any worries. Don't let small concerns grow into major worries. Please encourage your child to tell us straight away if anything happens at school so that we can deal with it immediately. We are always happy to have a quick chat with you before or after school, but if you need longer please let us know and we can arrange an appointment after school.

Thank you.

Miss Butt/ Mrs Bhathal
RB Class Teachers

Miss Delaney
RD Class Teacher

Curriculum Plan

<p><u>Mathematics</u> The children will continue to learn to count, recognise numbers, form numbers and the simple use of different calculating skills. We will be working with numbers up to and beyond 20. We will be developing skills to solve simple number problems in a practical context, as well as sending maths challenges home! The children will continue to work with shapes and measures, including time and money.</p>	<p><u>Literacy</u> Children will continue to learn as whole class, as well as small groups, working directly with teachers. The children will continue to learn sounds to read and write during Read Write Inc Scheme of Phonics (they are in mixed groups between both Reception classes). The children will have many opportunities to develop their writing and motor skills through Dough Disco, play, scribbling, creative activities and more teacher led tasks. We will teach the correct cursive formation for each letter and look at the use of lower case and capital letters in focused handwriting sessions. Please encourage your children to use lower case, cursive letters if they write at home except for the first letter of their name and places. Please ask us for a 'letter formation sheets' if you do not have one. Please read with your child every day.</p>	
<p><u>Communication and Language</u> This term we will continue to focus heavily on developing the children's 'Speaking and Listening' as well as their understanding skills. The children will be encouraged to talk and listen in both small group and whole class situations. As well as, encouraging them to ask questions of what they have heard. We will be reading, sharing and telling stories and poems and looking at non-fiction texts. We encourage children to bring in a special show and tell on Friday (<u>no dolls or action figures</u>) as it supports them in becoming confident speakers. We will continue to send home challenges relating to the following weeks topic and look forward to seeing and hearing about it in their At Home Books. Please encourage your child to do it by themselves, with adults <u>only</u> supporting them.</p>	<p>Year R Term 2: Bears</p> 	<p><u>Personal Social and Emotional Development</u> We will be supporting children to develop their independence and self-esteem. They will be encouraged to be engaged in a wide range of activities showing perseverance and attentiveness. We always encourage them to express their home experiences and cultural celebrations. Children are encouraged to develop relationships with their peers and adults in the school and to develop their understanding of different needs, views, cultures and beliefs. We will be sending home a class bear for the children to go on an adventure with. Please help your child in this and record the experience using drawings, photos and writing. We will also have our first class production in December. Parents are welcome to attend the nativity play.</p>
<p><u>Understanding the World</u> Children have regular access to the class laptops, iPads and the Interactive TV and will use and develop their skills. They will also be using programmable toys called 'Beebots' and will visit our ICT suite. The children will be completing some simple cooking activities and using these to look at how materials can be changed. This term we will be learning about Diwali, Christmas, Halloween and Fireworks. We will also be discussing different festivals that the children celebrate. We have issued children Purple Mash login details which are stuck in the yellow reading record books. Please encourage your children to use this free online learning platform. We will also send homework that will be completed using purple mash. We will make our first trip to our local Gravesend Library this term.</p>	<p><u>Physical Development</u> The children will have a weekly PE session in the main hall, where we will be using small and large apparatus. We will be learning to play simple games using a variety of equipment. The children will also have lots of opportunities to play outside using a variety of small and large equipment. There will be a focus on handling tools, objects, construction and other malleable materials, developing their fine and gross motor skills with increasing control. Both classes now have PE on Thursday. Please have kits in school every day.</p>	<p><u>Expressive Art and Design</u> The children will be given opportunities to look at and use a range of techniques and skills in art, including the use of clay, paint, printing and collage. They will be encouraged to take on role play activities in the role play area, whole class and small group situations. In music children will be using percussion instruments to play simple rhythms and to look at how sound can be changed and we will of course continue to learn a variety of songs.</p>