



Class 1 & 2 Newsletter

SUMMER 2010

WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. This newsletter, like the one given last term, will keep you informed of what your children will be involved in over the coming months as well as some helpful reminders.

This is a busy term for the children and they will be learning new skills through the two new topics of 'Fantasy and Fiction' and 'It's a Big Wide World.' These topics will include Superheroes, Journeys and Mini-beasts.

In the first half of the term we shall be looking at real life and fantasy superheros and learning to make informed decisions on which foods would be fit for a superhero to eat. As part of our work on healthy foods we shall continue with our planting, caring for plants and investigating growth and change. The children have really enjoyed their work in the outdoor area and have acquired lots of new gardening skills.

The children will learn what we need to do to stay fit, safe and healthy and meet some of the important people in our lives who are real life superheros.

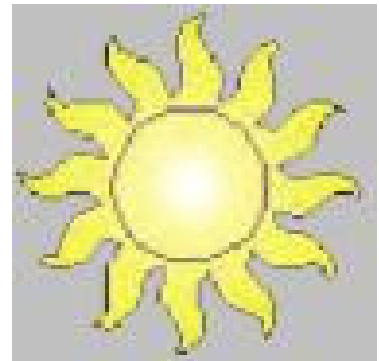
(Please let us know if you or somebody you know is a real life superhero – i.e. doctor, fireman, nurse, policeman, lollipop lady etc.)

The children were very interested in mini-beasts last term and we have decided to pick up this interest and hope to organise a visit to Milton Country Park to enhance their observational skills by going on a mini beast hunt.

After the half term break we are intending to make a journey to Linton Zoo. As well as increasing our understanding of the animals we studied during the spring term we shall also learn what maps are for and why we need them. We will be programming a Bee Bot toy to learn about directions.

The key literacy skills we shall cover are:

- Writing using full sentences with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
- Children will now be encouraged to use their writing skills independently.
- Some children are now ready to write in full sentences independently, and can be encouraged to attempt more complex words – new ways of writing the sounds we have previously covered will be introduced for some children, while others will be consolidating their basic knowledge.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

☺ Class 1 - Tuesdays and Fridays.

☺ Class 2 - Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

BOOK BAGS

☺ Class 1 & Class 2
Every day please, but **especially Fridays.**

The key mathematical skills we shall cover are:

- Ordering and writing numbers up to 20 (and beyond);
- Time; capacity and problem solving.
- We shall continue with our work on basic addition and subtraction.
- Children will revisit their knowledge of shapes, both

Helping at Home

Maths:

Please continue to practice counting to, and back from 20, as well as beyond if possible. If your child is finding this easy, you could begin to practice doubling numbers with them i.e. one butterfly has two wings, how many wings will three butterflies have. You may enjoy making symmetrical patterns with paint, Lego, pegs etc.

You could help your child think mathematically with practical problems around the home, for instance, we have two forks on the table, how many more do we need for our family?

Literacy:

Please continue to listen to your child read and work with them on their word boxes.

We would love children to bring in any written work they have done at home. The children have all made great progress and have all acquired many new writing skills. If you wish to know more about your child's own next step, please come and speak to us.

Please remember to keep it fun for your child!

SCHOOL TRIP

The trip to Linton Zoo should cost no more than £6, a letter will be circulated to parents asking whether they will be willing to contribute this amount for their child. Unfortunately, despite all contributions being voluntary, in the current financial climate, school trips are unlikely to take place unless full support is received.

A prompt reply to this letter would be gratefully appreciated so that we can book a date if the trip is able to go ahead.

Please let us know if are able to help with any trips – a full CRB check is required.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

During the latter part of this summer term we shall be taking our PE lessons outside. Please ensure that your child's P.E kit still fits them and we shall require shoes for outdoor wear. We are focusing on basic games skills over the coming term, the children will be learning lots of new language and how to safely use all the PE equipment and apparatus. After the half term break we will commence our swimming lessons in the school pool.

...and finally

Every Wednesday morning Foundation Teachers are released for PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time. Mrs Dingwall will continue to teach Class 2 during this time. In class 1 Mrs Taylor and Mrs Kirby share the morning.

Once again we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support. The partnership between home and school is very important.

If you would like to discuss anything concerning your child, please feel welcome to come see us after the school day.

Many thanks,

The Foundation Team