

# Class 1 News

## Summer Term 2017



Miss Inman, Mrs Swales and Mrs Corner would like to welcome Class 1 for the last term of the school year! We hope that you all had a fantastic Easter holiday and are ready for our final term of the year.

As always, if you have any questions or queries about any part of your child's school life, please do not hesitate to see a member of the Class 1 team on a morning or after school. We want every child to feel happy and safe, and thoroughly enjoy their time in Greatham Early Years.

On the next page you will find an outline of what we will be covering across the Early Years curriculum in the Summer term. As you know, children in Reception also take home a weekly overview in their 'Busy Bee books'. The tasks on the letter are designed to allow you to continue your child's learning at home. Reception children will continue to be given reading books and online Bug Club books and as always, all children will take home a school library book each week to share with you at home. Please make sure all reading and library books are back in school on a Friday (if they attend on this day) as this is the day their reading and library books will be changed (nursery children who do not attend on a Friday will change their books in their next session.) Reception children's new Bug Club reading will continue to be added online regularly. Once again, we really appreciate all of the support that you give and have given to your children's learning at home- it really has made a huge difference to both their development and their self-confidence throughout the year and we as a staff team would like to thank you for your support.

### Uniform

We love all the children to wear school uniform. It gives the children a sense of pride and belonging to the school and it looks wonderful!

- ★ Dark blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan.
- ★ Dark blue skirt/pinafore
- ★ Blue, grey or black trousers
- ★ White or blue polo shirt
- ★ Blue gingham dress
- ★ Sensible footwear (no trainers)

**Please ensure that all your child's personal clothing and property is clearly named.**

### PE Kit Reminder

Children **must** have a change of clothing and footwear for PE. *Our PE day is **FRIDAY**.*

**Indoor PE Kit:** Plain black or navy shorts and a white or blue plain t-shirt.

**Outdoor PE Kit:** As above but with additional Jogging bottoms, jogging top (no hood) and trainers.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL YOUR CHILD'S PERSONAL CLOTHING AND PROPERTY IS CLEARLY NAMED.**

## Maths

### Reception

- Money
- Length
- Distance
- Positional language



### Nursery

- Counting
- Shape and space.
- Pattern.
- Counting (adding 1 more)
- Simple addition (combining groups of objects)
- Counting backwards

Nursery will have a particular focus on counting and recognising numbers past to and past 10 this term and Reception will also focus on recording numbers correctly- it would be great if you could practise these important skills at home with your child

## Literacy

Throughout the first half term we will be reading the stories The Gingerbread Man and Little Red Riding Hood.

Children in Reception will be doing lots of retelling and rewriting of these stories. I'm sure you will be impressed with their level of skill in writing throughout this term as we prepare them for their transition to Class 2 in September.

In the first half term, children in nursery 2 will focus on orally and physically blending together and segmenting the sounds in words to help them begin to read and write simple words.

## Understanding the World

During this half term the children will have the opportunity to take part in lots of experiments in our new investigation station. They will observe the effects different materials have in gingerbread man biscuits and will help Little Red Riding Hood by selecting the best material to make her a cape to keep her dry. They will be designing an making waterproof boats to help the Gingerbread man cross the river and will also have the opportunity to bake and to grow their own cress.



## Traditional Tales (Summer 1)

Throughout the first half of the summer term, the focus will be on the stories The Gingerbread Man and Little Red Riding Hood. The children will have lots of fun learning and retelling the stories and using our fantastic role play areas to act them out. They will even have the opportunity to make their own gingerbread men and will help Little Red Riding Hood by growing cress for her sandwiches and making cakes for her picnic!

## Expressive Art and Design

Children will be decorating their own Gingerbread men, creating maps to show the Gingerbread Man's journey and will be experimenting with colour mixing.



## Physical Development

This half term our topic in PE is 'using equipment.' The children will also be preparing for sports day!

## PSHCE/RE

Throughout the term, children will begin their Star of The Week selections, during which the previous "Star" chooses a peer that they feel has demonstrated an attribute worthy of special praise. They will take part in "New Friend Friday", where children are selected to be special friends for the afternoon, encouraging all children to mix socially within the class. In addition, children will take part in a weekly 'circle time' during which they are encouraged to take turns, listen to one another and share feelings and opinions.

Our RE topic this half term is 'Friendship.'

## Communication and Language

Children will be given lots of opportunities to develop this area of learning throughout the term and this is a particular area of focus in Class 1. It would be brilliant if you could help to promote your child's speaking at home through regular interaction, storytelling and games. The classroom environment will be designed to promote speech and interaction through role play areas based on the stories we will be focusing on in class, reading areas, and through team work and collaborative play activities.

### Maths

#### Reception

- Capacity
- Weight
- Sharing
- Halving
- Doubling

#### Nursery

- Measures (length)
- Measures (height)
- Comparing and counting numbers
- Shape
- Money
- 'Real Life Problems'
- Time



### Literacy

In the second half term we will be reading the stories 'Hansel and Gretel,' 'Room on The Broom' and stories from the 'Winnie the Witch' series.

Again, children in reception will practise and refine their retelling and rewriting skills and will also have the opportunity to become the authors of their own stories. They will also begin to learn about different types of words such as adjectives and nouns.

In the second half term nursery 2 children will move on to a more formal style of phonics in order to prepare them for Reception in September. Throughout the term, children in nursery 1 will continue their work on phase 1 of the Letters and Sounds phonics programme.

### Understanding the World

During this exciting topic the children will become witches and wizards in order to create 'magic' potions and spells and will have the opportunity to take part in lots of strange and mysterious experiments in our special witches workshop! They will bake treats for Hansel and Gretel and create their own trails for each other to follow in the school's very own forest (nature garden!)

## Witches (Summer 2)

Our last topic of the year is witches! During this topic the children will take part in experiments, make their own potions and spells, and will be challenged to make their very own giant broomstick- big enough for all of the children in the class!



### Physical Development

When the children return to school after the half term, they will have a very special surprise waiting for them in the garden! This will encourage them to move and challenge their bodies and experiment with different ways of moving! They will take part in our school sport's day and weekly PE sessions. Our topic this half term is 'dance.'

### Expressive Art and Design

Children will be making their own magic wands, creating models and images of sweets and cakes for the witch from Hansel and Gretel and will be taking part in the art competition as part of the Greatham Feast celebrations.

### Communication and Language

As well as continuing our work on communication within the classroom, the children will take part in their final worship of the year. During their worship, they will practise speaking loudly, confidently and clearly in front of an audience in order to show off all of the exciting things they have learned throughout the year.

### PSHCE/RE

During the final half term of the year the children will be following the very first section of our 'Lucinda and Godfrey' programme during which they will begin to learn very basic facts about their body. Throughout this programme they will focus on the theme, 'we are different.'

Our RE topics this half term include 'Special Places,' 'The Church' and 'Prayer.'



### **Reception.**

- As we approach the end of the school year, it is more important than ever to keep reading at home with your child. This skill helps them enormously when they progress throughout the school with every aspect of their school life and so it would be fantastic if you could continue to read regularly with them at home.
- The children will also be consolidating their writing skills throughout this term and so encouraging them to write at home (whether it is with pencils, pens, paint or chalks, inside or outside) will be a great help. They are all very proud of how well they are doing and I imagine you would be very proud to show off their sentence writing skills to you at home!

### **Nursery.**

- In order to help develop your child's speaking skills it would be great if you could continue to share library books and stories with them at home.
- The children will be practising their number and counting skills throughout this term. They really enjoy using the computer to help with this. A great website that you could access at home is [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk). This site has lots of interactive counting and number games your child will love.

As always, each child in Class 1 will take home a 'Me, My Family and My World' book. In this book you and your child can record any exciting news that you may have. It does not have to be returned to school on any set day and you only need to record anything in the book if you wish to. The purpose is simply to provide an opportunity for you and your child to share some quality time together at home. When anything is recorded in the book, your child will be encouraged to share this with their friends at school.