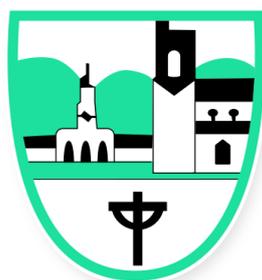


Class 1 News

Autumn Term 2017



Miss Inman, Mrs Swales and Mrs Warren would like to welcome Class 1 for the Autumn term! We hope that you have all had a fantastic Summer and are ready for the first term of what promises to be a very exciting 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 Autumn term. Children in Reception will also take home a weekly overview in their 'Busy Bee books'. Inside this book each week children will be given a fun task relating to their learning to complete at home and a short newsletter outlining everything that has happened at school that week. This will provide parents with additional information about events in Class 1, as well as ideas of ways in which to carry on learning at home. Reception Children will also be given reading books and online Bug Club books and all children will take home a school library book each week. Please make sure all reading and library books are back in school on a Friday 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). This is also the day Reception children's new Bug Club reading books will be added online. We really appreciate all of the support that you give to your children's learning at home- it really does make a huge difference to both their development and their self-confidence! It is lovely for them to know that you really do take an interest in the things they do at school each day.

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.

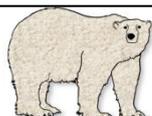
Outdoor PE Kit: As above but with additional Jogging bottoms, jogging top (no hood) and trainers.

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



Maths

- Counting
 - Shape and space.
 - Pattern.
 - Counting (adding 1 more)
 - Simple addition (combining groups of objects)
 - Counting backwards
- ✓ A great website for your children to use at home to help support mathematical development is topmarks.co.uk. This website has lots of fun and interactive games involving number, counting, shapes, ordering and numbers that the children love to use at school.



Literacy

Nursery

In the first half term, children in nursery will be learning to discriminate between the different sounds they hear in their environment every day. This will help them to eventually discriminate between the different sounds that make up words.

Reception.

In this half term, the children will design a habitat for a polar animal and add their own labels and captions. They will create a wanted poster for the Snow Queen and will learn and retell the story of The Snow Queen before creating giant speech bubbles for the characters.

Understanding the World

During the next few weeks, as well as taking part in 'experiments from the Snow Queen's spell book, the children will be learning about the habitats of polar animals, about the Northern Lights and will be conducting experiments to discover the best way to free animals trapped in blocks of ice!



Cold.

During the first part of the Autumn term children will be exploring all things cold! They will take part in lots of experiments from the Snow Queen's spell book and will work as a team to make their very own ice castle!

Physical Development

Children will be taught circle games and parachute games in order to help them develop a sense of space.

Communication and Language

Children will be learning the stories of Stickman, The Magic Sky and The Snow Queen and will have the opportunity to role play and retell these stories in the classroom environment using the role play areas, puppet shows and props.

Expressive Art and Design

Children will take part in lots of art and design activities this half term including making 'cold' pictures using cool colours. They will use their cutting skills to create beautiful snowflakes and use pipettes to blow paint to make Northern Lights scenes.

PSHCE

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. In addition, they will continue to 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. Children will also take part in a weekly 'circle time' session during which they are encouraged to take turns, listen to one another and share feelings and opinions. We follow the 'GoGivers' PSHCE scheme for our circle time sessions and this term the theme is 'Our Rules.' Our RE theme this half term is 'Special Times' including baptisms and weddings.



Maths

- Measures (length)
 - Measures (height)
 - Comparing and counting numbers
 - Shape
 - Money
 - 'Real Life Problems'
 - Time
- ✓ Singing number songs and rhymes with your children (such as Ten Green Bottles) really helps their mathematical development. The children also love to sing along to 'The Big Numbers Song' on Youtube!

Literacy

Nursery

In the second half term, children in nursery will be learning to discriminate between different instrumental sounds by playing lots of exciting games involving different musical instruments!

Reception

In the second half term of the school year, the children in Reception will create their own words to go with the illustrations in The Snowman, write letters to Santa and create their own elf character!

Understanding the World

Children will learn what happens to birds' habitats during the winter time and will make their own bird feeders. They will also go on their first trip of the year with a very 'wintery' theme!

Winter Wonderlands.

The second half of the Autumn term focuses on 'Winter Wonderlands.' This very busy term will involve a very special trip for the children!



Communication and Language

Our main focus stories this half term will be The Snowman, The Jolly Postman (Christmas) and The Elves and the Shoemaker. Again, children will be encouraged to use resources in our classroom to act out and retell these stories, using lots of lovely story language in their play. They will also take part in their first Class Worship of the year on Wednesday 29th November.

Physical Development

Children will be exploring different ways of movement and expression.



Expressive Art and Design

Children will have lots of fun in this subject this half term making, among other things; Christmas cards, Christmas gifts, a calendar and 'sewing' shoes for the Elves and the Shoemaker!

PSHCE

As in the first half term, children will continue their Star of the Week selections and will continue to take part in "New Friend Friday" and weekly 'circle time sessions. Our Re sessions this half term will focus on Harvest Festival and Christmas.

Nursery.

- Singing number rhymes at home with your child is a great way to reinforce the counting skills that they will be practising at nursery this term.
- It is essential for children's literacy development that they have a bank of familiar stories, songs and rhymes so that they become familiar with the way in which stories are structured. This not only supports their writing skills, but also their communication and language skills. Reading to your child, and singing nursery rhymes with them at home can help with this. (Each child will take home a school library book each week to share with their family.)

Reception.

- Children often find forming numbers difficult. It would be fantastic if you could help your child with this using their favourite pencils, pens or paints!
- Writing their name is a very important skill for children. You could encourage them to write their first (and second) name at home to help develop this skill.
- In Reception, we try to help children develop their confidence and independence. A great way of helping with this at home is by encouraging them to get themselves dressed independently and put on and zip up their coats on their own. When the weather starts to get colder, they could even try to put on their gloves all by themselves!