

Class 1 News

Summer Term 2018



Miss Inman, Mrs Swales and Mrs Warren would like to welcome Class 1 for the last term of the school year! We hope that you have 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.



Maths

- Counting
- Addition and subtraction (number position for nursery)
 - 2D shapes
 - Pattern
- Capacity/measures
- Counting and comparing numbers
 - 3D shape
 - Positional language
- Money (reception) Time

Nursery will have a particular focus on counting and recognising numbers past 5 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 term we will be reading the stories Jack and the Beanstalk, The Little Red Hen, The Enormous Turnip and Cinderella.

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. They will also be composing recounts (of their class trip) daily diaries (to document the exciting arrival of their class pets!) instructions and simple poems.

In the first half term, children in nursery 2 will also focus on alliteration and will play lots of games to help them understand the concept and to help them to begin to hear the initial sound in words. In the second half term we will move on to orally blending together the sounds in words to help them begin to read and write simple words. Throughout the term, children in nursery 1 will continue their work on phase 1 of the Letters and Sounds phonics programme.

Understanding the World

Throughout this exciting term, children will be growing beans and turnips (as well as tending to their vegetable patch and flowers in the garden), will be conducting lots of experiments that focus on changes (including melting chocolate, baking bread and making their own ice lollies) and will observe the changes that happen to their own class caterpillars. Some very special 'guests' will also be arriving on the 30th April for approximately two weeks. I'm sure you and the children will be fascinated to observe the changes that happen to them throughout their time with us!

Changes.

This topic focuses on changes. Through it the children will observe and learn about changes that occur in nature, in stories and in experiments and they will have the opportunity to observe first-hand the changes that occur in the very first stages of life when some special visitors arrive in Class 1!

Physical Development

This term children will take part in 'Yoga Bugs' sessions during their PE sessions each week. The children will also be preparing for sports day!



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.

Expressive Art and Design

Children will be designing shoes for Cinderella and making her carriage out of vegetables, they will use paint techniques and observational drawings to create images of butterflies and of our 'special guests!'

PSHCE/RE

During the first half term, the children will also take part in weekly PSE sessions from the GoGivers scheme of work entitled 'The Little Red Hen'. 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.'

RE topics will include 'I am special,' 'Special Objects,' 'Special Music,' 'Special Places' and 'My world, Jesus' world.'



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 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 . 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.