

Dear Parents and Carers

Here is a quick informal update for you about what's happening across the school:

Early Years

This week we will be starting 'Write Dance', an interactive programme which uses movement and music to develop children's motor skills and the beginnings of handwriting. We will also be discussing friendship and how to be a good friend. To support this, our main text will be, 'Is That What Friends Do?'

We will be introducing our special 'Learning Journals' this week and children will choose a piece of learning to go in their book every week. On Thursdays, during sharing time, the children will have an opportunity to show and discuss their chosen piece of work with you and you can scribe your child's comments to accompany it. The focus colour is yellow and children can bring in something yellow for 'Show and Tell' on Friday. In phonics, we will be starting to be able to distinguish sounds in the environment.

This week, in Reception we are having a skills week. We will be looking at cutting using scissors, fine motor skills such as threading and using tweezers. We are also looking at how we hold a pencil correctly and drawing basic shapes. In maths, we will be learning to count objects to 5 and then 10 as well as continuing to recognise numbers.

We will be exploring all of the different areas both inside and outside and how to use them responsibly to help us with our learning. We will be starting to do P.E. this week. Please practise getting changed at home to help us speed up!

Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday 19th September for our Reception Parents meeting.

The Early Years Team.

Year 1

In maths we are continuing to focus on numbers up to 100 and counting in 2s. In English we are going to write a shared new version of our story, you could ask your child to tell you the new story. Today we started a new unit in music, the first (rap) song is called 'Hey you!' In science/DT we are designing a new home for Harry's dinosaurs - please keep bringing in junk modelling materials. In geography we are looking at towns and beginning to look at maps.

Please remember all children need a PE kit on Wednesday and Thursday each week. Thank you.

Year 2

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week we had last week. The children have been trying really hard meet the year 2 expectations.

This week in maths we will be looking at number. We will be using a number line to add and subtract different number sentences.

In English, we will continue our talk for writing text - The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson. We will be focusing on using punctuation in our writing.

In science, we will be looking at why different animals are suited to their habitats. This closely links with our topic work this half term.

Please remember to return the Chessington Zoo payment along with the permission slip as soon as possible. If we do not receive the slips, your child will not be able to attend the trip.

Have a great week,

Miss Daly and Miss Callen

Year 3

This week we welcome Mrs Merritt to Bloomsbury Class! The children have had great fun getting to know her today and will continue this week.

Spellings to learn were sent home with the children on Friday. We will have daily spelling lessons to teach spelling rules and practice the spellings. Please practice the spellings at home when you can. New spellings will be sent home on Friday after the children have completed a spelling test.

Homework from the nine box grid is due in on Tuesday. This will then be marked and sent home again with the children on Thursday.

This week we have started reading Flat Stanley and the Great Egyptian Grave Robbery. We will be reading this during guided reading and answering lots of questions about the story. There are lots more Flat Stanley adventures so if you have any Flat Stanley stories at home or visit the library, then reading another of his stories would be brilliant.

In maths we are continuing to understand the value of numbers to 1000 and will be practicing counting in 10s and 100s.

Year 4

Thank you to those who attended our welcome meeting on Friday; it was lovely to see so many of you and we hope we answered your questions.

In maths this week, we are continuing on our place value and number knowledge. Can your child explain the rule for rounding?

In English we will be focusing on descriptions to add detail to our innovated writing. Can your child give an example of an adjective?

We will be answering the question 'What did the Romans wear?' in our history lesson this week and in our art lessons we are developing our sketching skills.

Reminder: Outdoor P.E. is on Tuesdays and indoor P.E. is on Friday; please ensure earrings are taken out prior to the lessons. If they are newly pierced they must be covered on PE days.

We have already had some brilliant homework come in! Please let us know if you are having difficulties accessing mathematics.

Miss Trigg and Mr Evans

Year 5

Year Five had an excellent start to their swimming lessons last Thursday and Friday and thoroughly enjoyed getting back into the pool.

In the classroom this week, we have been studying Queen Victoria and have begun researching her life; the children can then choose how they would like to present the information.

This week in science, we will be looking at the mass and size of planets and making scaled models to represent the solar system.

We are looking at addition and subtraction calculations this week and some of us have enjoyed using numicon and dienes to help with this. During our English lessons, we have begun looking at a brand new text in Talk for Writing and we are continuing to look at the book 'Clockwork' by Phillip Pullman.

Miss Holmes and Mr McCartney

Year 6

We have been getting stuck in to our English Talk 4 Writing unit, in conjunction with our new class text: Skellig. We are learning all about how to plan our writing and building up this week to making our writing suspenseful and completing our hot write.

In maths we have begun the week revisiting fractions and multiplication and division by 10, 100 and 1000. We will be using Mathematics to set the children their maths homework and the children have their log in details in their planners. If your child

doesn't have access to the internet at home, please let their teacher know and arrangements can be made at school.

The children have really enjoyed the start of our indoor PE sessions of gymnastics and fitness. In rugby, we have been putting our passing skills, finding space and the off side rule in to practice in small games of 5 aside.

We have enjoyed beginning our music topic, 'I'll Be There' by the Jackson 5. We will learn the song so do have a listen to it at home! As normal, please make sure that you sign their planners once a week and check that they are reading every day.

Have a lovely week and do come and speak to us should you have any questions!

Mrs Linnegar and Mr Luxon