

Wales

Northern Ireland Newsletter

Autumn 1 - 2019

Hope you all had an enjoyable Summer and we welcome you back. We are looking forward to a new and exciting school year, full of successes. Our topic this term is titled '**All about me?**' We are going to be looking at ourselves and our peers and learning about our bodies.

Our topic work is now called '**significant learning**' which means that there will be lots of cross curriculum links, giving children opportunities to develop their learning further by using the skills they learn in all aspects of their development.

Our English lessons will follow the talk for writing programme. The children will be learning a text using actions, please encourage children to practice this with you at home. Alongside this we will be focussing on the use of sounds to spell words, orally composing sentences, and beginning to look at some punctuation. We will also be looking at the improvement of presentation through handwriting and the use of finger spaces.

In Geography the children will be linking their homes to places in the local environment. In history we will be looking at changes within living memory, with a focus on the ways the children have grown and changed. In Science we will be looking at the various parts and functions of the body including the senses. In our PSHE lessons we will be looking at ourselves as individuals, our talents, and likes. This will be linked to DT where we will be creating a MR or Miss that represents us. In RE our focus will be on special people, looking at the Christian and Hindu religions.

We will be continuing with our RWI phonics and reading programme. In addition to this, each child will be in a reciprocal reading group where they will read with an adult once a week. Your child will receive a comment from an adult at least once a week.

Children will have additional handwriting lessons to support letter/number formation and develop fine motor skills. Please continue to support your child at home with Handwriting and letter/number formation.

Maths: Children will be consolidating their knowledge from Foundation by focussing on Numbers, Counting forwards and backwards from a given number and looking at more than, less than, fewer and most. We shall also begin to look further into addition and subtraction using objects to support.

PE: will be on a **Tuesday**. Please ensure children have their full PE kit which consists of plimsolls, shorts, trousers, T-shirt and a jumper. Please ensure this is in school every day. Children with medium-long hair must be tied back. **Earrings need to be removed on this day otherwise they are unable to take part.**

HOMEWORK

This year they will have a purple homework book where their sheets will be stuck in and completed on the next page. Homework will continue to be given out on a Wednesday and returned on a Monday.

This year children will have their reading diary/book, spelling book and homework. In regards to the exciting reading challenge/reward scheme, the badges start fresh each year and the competition for the most reads refreshes. Stickers for the reward chart are for each day that your child has read not for how many books they read.

REMINDER

Please ensure children always have their book bags and reading diaries in. This way comments can be written in their diary which can help you to support your child at home, showing their next steps, represented by a wand. Children are expected to read a minimum of **three times a week** with an adult at home to maximise their development. Please always sign/comment when your child has read so we can monitor and reward when necessary.

HOMEWORK HELP

A great site to use at any time is
<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk>
<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/index.htm>
www.ictgames.co.uk
www.splat.co.uk

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to come and ask.

Miss Hammersley and Mrs Parker