St George Class Newsletter







Dear Parents

Welcome back to our final term – it's hard to believe we have nearly completed a full year in school. It has once again been lovely to see all your pictures and updates on Tapestry. The following is a rough guide of what is happening this half term. If you have any questions, please ask and we will try our best to help.

Hopefully this half term we will be blessed with lovely warm weather and hope to spend a lot of time outside. With this in mind, please could you please make sure that children come to school wearing sun cream if it looks like it is going to be a sunny day and to bring a hat or cap. Please also provide extra sun cream to keep in their drawer for a top up at lunchtime. Although it may be sunny, it can still a bit chilly especially at playtimes and when the sun leaves the garden area in the afternoon so please make sure children come to school with a coat. They are outside for quite a while at lunchtimes and really need a coat to wear as it can be rather cold when it's windy especially as we are so near the coast.

Mornings

The children have settled into the routines and are keen to find an activity on one of the tables which are usually based practicing moves from the 'Squiggle Wiggle' program. They are also able to access the continuous provision to complete their weekly rainbow challenges and explore the independent learning opportunities.

We have a blue book in the classroom in the register and letter tray. If there are changes in arrangements for home time please let us know when you drop your child off and we will write it in the book or please telephone the office. Please remember we must have your permission to release your child into the care of someone other than yourselves (even other family members). If you have forgotten to pass on a message in the morning and haven't remembered to phone school, then we will need to ring to confirm arrangements with you before we let the children go. If it is going to be a regular arrangement where someone else will be picking up it would be a good idea to email the office or speak to Mrs Creasey so we have a record of it which will save you from ringing up every time.

If children bring in a snack, could you please remind them before they come into school to put it in their drawer so they can get to it easily during the day rather than leaving it in their book bags. Fresh fruit is always available for snack time. The children have really enjoyed continuing to 'pay' for their snack (pretend money from school) and this terms focus will be on recognising 20p coins but these will be in the pot with the other coins they have learnt to recognise so they are challenged to select the right coin from 1p, 2p,5p and 10p's. There will be an extra challenge this half term where the cost of snack may vary each week and they will need to combine different coins to reach the total amount needed. These will start off being quite simple addition calculations but will add an extra challenge and will be great for problem solving.

PE

Our PE will continue to be on a Monday with NUFC and this half term we have a cricket session on a Friday morning. On these days the children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit. I do like to take the children outside for PE when the weather permits so please send a spare pair of shoes in a bag on PE days in case they need to be changed.



Wellies

Thank you for sending in a named pair of wellies. We have put them to good use last term and we will continue to use them when we go out for our outdoor learning sessions.

Outdoor Learning

We will be continuing to access the sensory garden and aim to still venture outside in all weathers. We have enough red waterproof suits for everyone so we will be using these as much as possible when taking out learning outside. We have planned that a Tuesday morning will be our specific slot in the week so please make sure your child comes to school wrapped up warm and that girls wear trousers or leggings if possible on that day.

Topics

Over this half term we will be covering the following themes; Traditional Tales, Planting and Growing with an ongoing focus of Summer as the seasons continue to change. We will also be celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee so will have focused activities planned around this celebration. However if the children's interests change, we may make slight changes along the way.

Our role play has been set up as a Castle and this will change later in the term to reflect the different traditional tales we will be reading. If you have anything you think we could use in these different areas please send them in. The children really enjoy having 'real' things to enhance their play.

We have had a great 2 terms of the school year so far and are really looking forward to what Summer 1 has in store for us. Photos are posted on Tapestry regularly so please make sure you log in frequently to see what we have been getting up to.



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to let me know and we can arrange to have a chat.

Mrs Whaley and Mrs Parker x