

Week Commencing: 02/11/20

Monday:
Tuesday: Class One PE
Wednesday: Class Two PE
Thursday: Class Four PE
Friday: Class Three PE

Newsletter – Wednesday 21st October 2020

Dear Parents,

It seems amazing that it is nearly half-term already! Despite the various restrictions placed on us, the children have certainly made the most of being back in school for the last seven weeks. Class Three even braved the elements a few weeks ago to follow a river from source to sea as part of their project. They also had a story telling session in Quarry Wood this week. Class One have been using the woodland each Friday and the other classes will have the opportunity to do so after half term: watch this space for more details.

We are anxious to improve the learning experience for the children - especially whilst so many 'enrichment' activities are off limits at the moment. Teachers have just taken possession of new, start-of-the-art visualizers to help with demonstrations for learning in class. We will shortly be renewing our IT hardware with brand new Chromebooks coming in to classes Two, Three and Four. We will also be able to provide laptops to Class One. We have already introduced 'Tapestry' in EYFS and I know that this is proving to be an excellent tool for communicating children's learning between home and school. The other classes have started to use Google Classrooms and this will be utilised more and more as a platform for work being completed at home.

Thank you to all parents who have come in for the parent meetings this week so far. I know that others are booked to come today, Thursday and Friday. If you haven't been able to meet with your child's teacher, we will send home their targets in the week after half term. Please don't let your children 'switch off' completely over next week (although they do deserve a break!); please do keep up the reading and other on-going learning such as spelling and age-appropriate number facts.

Have a lovely half term break,

Rob Norton

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to Sebastian for the 23rd, Lily F for the 24th, Esmay for the 1st and Freddie R for the 2nd.



Notices

Class Three – PE Kits are not needed this Friday (23rd October) as children will be taking part in the Beaford Arts project.

The supplement in the North Devon Journal featuring the Reception starters at schools across the area goes on sale on Thursday this week.

Please can children in Reception bring in their PE kits (including their coloured t-shirt) every Tuesday after half term. Thank you.

Stars of the Week!

Class One – William H for being a kind and considerate member of Class 1.

Class Two – Daniel for trying his best with his learning every day!

Class Three – Jessica for building up her confidence this week and speaking in a loud, clear voice.

Class Four – Eva for working really hard to improve presentation - especially in her maths book.

Reading Stars!

Class One – Niah for fantastic effort with your segmenting and blending.

Class Two – Millie L for building confidence with her reading this half term

Class Three – Emily for her engagement in our class text whilst reading.

Class Four – Georgie for fluent and expressive reading, showing clear understanding

What happened at school this week?

These questions are about what has been happening in each class this week and are designed as 'conversation starters' for you to use with your child. We hope that they will provide a useful prompt to encourage conversations about school - talking for just three minutes each day about school has been shown to have a great impact on children's learning!

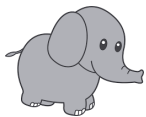


Learning Lions (Class One)

Who won the race in our story this week?

What has been your favourite part of our topic this half term?

What celebrations have you learnt about in RE?



Exploring elephants (Class Two)

Can you use some seasonal vegetables to make some harvest soup?

Can you create an art picture of the Coastline?

Can you write an adventure story about a cave?



Inventive Impalas (Class Three)

Can you tell somebody the story you heard in the woods yesterday?

How have you improved in maths this half term?

What are you going to see in your journey?



Challenging Cheetahs (Class Four)

Can you explain a written method for working out a multiplication calculation?

What do you need to work on to improve your written work?

What can you tell someone about Captain Scott's Terra Nova expedition?

Family Group Merits this week:

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
Merits this week	46	50	41	61
Total for the year	193	194	160	210

Well done to everyone who has contributed merits to your Family Group last week. Keep up the great work!

Home Activities and Homework Tasks

Class One – Please read with and to your child regularly, this can then be recorded on Tapestry. Can you complete a half term holiday snapshot? (See Tapestry)

Class Two – Please can you read regularly with your child over the half term and practice the spellings in the yellow spelling book. These can be written in any order in your child's book. This week I will be introducing your child to Google Classroom, I will send a separate letter home to inform you about this. Over half term please login to Google Classroom and familiarise yourself with it.

Class Three – Spellings and times tables, Guided Reading, Daily reading challenges, Rock Stars

Class Four – Reading for at least 1 hour per day (Y6) / 45 minutes per day (Y5). Keep rehearsing number bonds and learn / review multiplication tables up to 10 x 10. Complete the additional homework for the Tuesday after half term)

Message from the PTA – Christmas Cards!

Dear Parents,

We have organised another **Christmas Design Project** for this Autumn term! Your child will bring home an order form this week and can then design their own at home (please ask if you require a piece of A4 paper). Children in Class One will be designing a card this week in school – you can either use that design, or another design created at home.

The Christmas designs can be professionally printed on a range of products including Cards, Tags, Wrapping Paper and Gift Mugs.

Please read the artwork guidelines printed on your child's order form... most art materials can be used, but coloured pencils, white or silver attached to a white background and photographs are NOT recommended. Bold and bright designs that fill the paper produce the best effect. Large areas of white background are less effective. **Important details must not be placed within 5mm of the edge of the paper.**

For further inspiration go to www.cauliflowercards.co.uk and view their gallery.

If any other members of your family would like to join in then we do have a few spare order forms! Just let the school office know if you'd like another form.

Artwork must be attached to the order form with the arrow on the form circled indicating the top of the work. **Please keep designs flat and damage free, as marks will show on the final print.**

Orders and payment must be made online using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form. Please refer to your order form for further instructions.

Each order form must be unique so please do not photocopy the form for other members of your family you can get extra copies from your school.

All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school by Wednesday 4th November Cards will be delivered by the beginning of December.

Meals W/C 02/11/2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognaise Crusty Bread, & seasonal veg Fruit and meringue nest	Sausage Rolls Creamed potatoes & seasonal veg Carrot cake	Roast Pork Roast potatoes & seasonal veg Fruit Platter	Cheesy Pasta with Leeks Seasonal veg Pineapple upside down cake & custard	Salmon or Cod Fish Cakes Golden fries & seasonal veg Jammie Dodger Biscuit