



Fortnightly Newsletter



30th September 2022

I can't believe that we are almost into October already! The time is certainly passing quickly and your children have continued to work hard over the last two weeks. They are now really settled and have adapted so well to the many routines that we have in place. I am so proud of every child in my class!

Our topics are now well underway and the children have enjoyed mixing primary colours to create secondary shades to create some very carefully painted colour wheels! In R.E. we have been discussing gratitude and every child has written sentences explaining who or what they are grateful for inside a beautiful, pink heart. In History the children have enjoyed discussing and sequencing the six stages of life and have arranged them along a timeline. From this, they have created some very interesting family trees! In Science we have categorised different materials and discussed what each one is made from. For Geography, the children enjoyed sorting human and physical features using a variety of photographs.

We have also been very busy learning words to our Harvest songs and a poem in readiness for the service in St Peter's church (on Thursday 20th October) You may have heard your child singing or humming the tunes at home!

Moonbeam has now enjoyed a couple of weekend sleepovers – so far, he has been thoroughly spoilt and my class have loved hearing about his adventures when he returned on Monday morning! We wonder who will be lucky today. . .

Show and tell is also now well underway – your child will receive their invitation to take part in due course. All children in my class are now confident to answer the register in Spanish. Recently I have also introduced how to ask for 'dinner or sandwiches please' and the children have taken this in their stride with confidence – very impressive!!

The children are continuing to enjoy their outdoor P.E. sessions with Nick on Friday mornings – he has been really impressed with their listening skills and how much they have grown up since working with them in Year 1. We have noticed that that the weather is changing and there is a chill in the air. I would strongly recommend that you send long jogging bottoms and a warm top for these sessions if you have not already done so as we move into the cooler months. Also, children who are wearing tights as part of their uniform, need a spare pair of socks to change into for P.E. sessions – thank you!

Thank you also for sending in old shirts for artwork – these will be very useful over the year and more importantly, will protect school uniform!

Maths:

In Maths, the children have been working on place value with numbers to 100 and beyond in a variety of different ways. We have been partitioning tens and ones using base ten, counters, ten frames and part-whole models to show our understanding of what each digit of a number represents. This builds on Year 1 learning and I have been really impressed how well the children are taking the new information on board. We are also beginning most lessons with a quick starter activity to check understanding from the previous lesson.

English:

We are really enjoying our text 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. We began by using our prediction and inference skills to predict what the story might be about by simply looking at the front cover. Even though a few children were familiar with the text already, they were still able to write a collection of sentences using a variety of sentence starters such as 'From the front cover, I predict that...' or 'In my opinion I think that...'. The children have also enjoyed listening to the story and have sequenced the main events and built up a bank of adjectives to describe some of the main characters.

Thank you for supporting your child with weekly spellings. The children were very excited to have their first spelling test last Friday and were equally as enthusiastic today! (I am sure the excitement will calm down soon!) As mentioned previously, extra spellings can be practiced at home using the common exception words that were provided alongside the spelling lists. All information is also available on my class page of the school website.

Reading:

Please aim to read with your child at least three times a week and continue to sign it in the diary pages of their planner. I am quite happy for children to record their own home reading into their diary under your supervision if this is easier. I will now continue to be checking diaries every Friday and will award stickers as a reward for regular reading. If books need changing in between your child's nominated book change day, they will need to let me know and I can organise an extra book.

Additional Information:

- P.E. – Children will require an indoor kit for Tuesday sessions and an outdoor kit for Friday mornings.
- Please keep checking my class page of the school website for all information, photos and updates.
- Harvest Service in St. Peter's Church – Thursday 20th October.

The next newsletter will be found **ONLY** on my class page of the school website. This will be ready for you on **Friday 14th October**.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Gilbey