CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Buzzy Bee Class, Autumn 1

GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

Welcome to Buzzy Bee Class!

Our focus this term is all about getting to know our children and helping them feel happy, safe and confident in Buzzy Bee Class. We will be spending time building positive relationships, learning about each child's interests, strengths and experiences, and exploring what it means to be a valued member of our school community. Through our school values, routines and shared experiences, we will support children in developing a strong sense of belonging and pride in being part of our school family.



BOOK FOCUS

Our book focus this term will be 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen. We will be learning this story and then using our creative skills to make a story map to match this. We will also be exploring lots of different texts as part of our drawing club as well as exploring sounds, rhymes and listening.

MATHS

In maths, we will be developing and deepening our understanding of numbers from 0-5. We will also be looking at:

- Matching, sorting and comparing
- Measure and patterns

WEAR YOUR PE KITS ON MONDAYS.

BRING YOUR WELLIES AND WEAR YOUR PE KIT ON WEDNESDAYS FOR WELLY WEDNESDAY.

BRING YOUR BOOK BAG AND WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY!

MAKE SURE YOU ARE CONNECTED ON CLASS DOJO!

ClassDojo

LEARNING AT HOME

Children will be coming home with a sharing book. This is how we will be beginning your child's reading journey. Some tips for sharing books with your child are:

- Enjoy the story together - Talk about the pictures, characters and events in the book. There is no expectation for children to read the words at this stage. The aim is to develop a love of books and stories.
- Ask questions and chat - Encourage your child to talk about what they can see, predict what might happen next, or share their favourite part. These conversations help build vocabulary and comprehension skills.
- Make it a special routine - Sharing a book for just 5-10 minutes each day helps children develop positive reading habits and a lifelong enjoyment of reading.

Please write in your child's reading journal after each read.

Sharing knowledge organisers and discussing what you see on Class Dojo will support children to engage in lessons in school and is a great way for you to share in their learning journey.

PHONICS

This half term, children will take part in daily Twinkl Phonics sessions, where they will develop their listening and speaking skills before progressing to learning letter sounds. In Levels 1 and 2, children will explore rhymes, songs and oral blending games, as well as begin to recognise and say some letter sounds. These important early experiences provide the foundations for reading and writing and help children develop confidence, communication skills and a love of learning.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

We will be learning some basic creative skills like painting, drawing, cutting and sticking. We will also have a got at creating our own self portraits. We will be learning the song "I've got a grumpy face" in our music lessons.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

As part of finding out all about our children, we will be talking about who lives in our homes and why they are special to us, and navigating around our school. As we will be learning the bear hunt story, we will also be finding out about bears around the world. We will also be talking about our past experiences.

PSED

Our focus in PSED is going to be 'Super me'. This unit will encourage our children to recgonise and celebrate their own abilities, differences and sense of self.