



# Puffin's Class Autumn Term Newsletter

Hello, Puffins! We hope that you have had a lovely Summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming all our new and returning children into school for an exciting Autumn Term. The children will be taught by Mrs Barrington and Teaching Assistant will be Mrs Waterfall.

As we start the new school year, there are a few reminders to make sure children have everything they need. Please could you ensure that you send your child to school with the appropriate clothes for British weather, which is often very changeable! We advise a sun hat, a waterproof or warm coat, and a hat and gloves for the chillier days. We enjoy our learning outdoors whatever the weather. Some parents like to provide a pair of wellies to keep at school should the weather be wet. **Please could we also ask that all items are clearly named.**

Your child will need a named bottle of water at school each day. You are able to provide squash, although this will need to be consumed at lunch time. If your child would like to bring a snack to school, it should be either a piece of fruit, or vegetables such as carrot or cucumber sticks. Fruit snacks are available at school each day.

**PE is on a Friday afternoon.** Please ensure your child comes dressed to school in the appropriate PE clothing.

Thank you for your support.



## Reading, Spelling and Phonics



Our aim is that all our children quickly learn to read and develop a love of reading for pleasure. To achieve this we offer a range of teaching and learning activities.

The children will take part in a range of phonics activities suited to their age and current stage in reading. We follow the Read Write Inc. Phonics Scheme each day.

- Our new Reception children will be getting to know Fred Frog, who can say sounds but not yet words. They will be learning to blend those sounds orally to make words.
- All our children learn a new sound and practise reading read words during a phonics session
- The children will also take part in a group Guided Reading session with an adult.
- Listen to a story read to them by an adult as part of a story time session.

Each week children will start to bring home two pieces of reading material, appropriate to their reading level:

- A book or ditty for them to read to an adult.
- A book to be read to them by an adult.

**Please ensure that book bags come back to school each day.**

**Year 1 children will begin to learn to spell simple words. We will let you know when we are starting this via Tapestry and the website.**

## English



This half term the children will be enjoying lots of rhymes! We will be thinking about what makes words rhyme, and thinking of our own rhyming strings of words. Reception children will have lots of practise recognising and writing their name, and our Year One children will continue to develop beautiful handwriting.

## Maths



### Number

Read and write numbers in numerals.

Identify and represent numbers using objects and pictures.

Recognise, count and order numbers to 20 (Year 1).

Count forwards and backwards starting at any number.

Finding one more and one less.

Understanding and calculating simple addition and subtraction.

Reading and recording addition and subtraction facts, using correct notation (Year 1).

### Shape, Space and Measures

Recognise and name 2D shapes.

Use mathematical language to describe shapes.

Compare, describe, and measure different length and height (comparison and description for EYFS).

Discuss the days, months and seasons through everyday calendar time.