

Weekly Newsletter

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It is particularly important at this time of year that children have the correct clothing in their PE bags. Please ensure your child has jogging bottoms/leggings, a jumper and trainers in their PE bag so they are prepared for outdoor PE. As well as this, please ensure your child has a pair of shorts for indoor PE.

As part of **English** this week the children have started their new writing genre; information text. The children looked at an example of an information text and analysed the key aspects within it. This included the heading, subheading, paragraphs and technical words to do with the subject. The children were told that when they write their own information text, they will be writing about Victorian toys. In their next lesson, children recapped their knowledge of Victorian toys and used the coordinating conjunction 'and' to write sentences about them including the Diabolo, Cup and ball, Jacob's ladder and Whip and top.

Can your child write a sentence about one of these Victorian toys?

As part of **Maths** this week children have continued with their shape, space and measure learning. We have started learning about length and height using the language of 'shortest and longest' and 'shortest and tallest'. The children know that when we are measuring the height of something, we measure vertically and when we are measuring the length of something, we measure horizontally. We can use a ruler to measure objects in centimetres (cm). Whenever we measure anything, we always place the 0cm end of the ruler in line with the object we are measuring.

Can your child find the objects below, estimate the height of them and then measure accurately using a ruler?

A cup
A Water bottle

Can your child find the objects below, estimate the length of them and then measure accurately using a ruler?

A book
A pencil

The children's **topic** this half term is 'Memory Box'. Children have continued learning about Victorian toys and how they are similar and different to modern toys. We discussed the material of the toys and how we play with them. This has prepared the children for our school trip to the Victorian Classroom and our information text unit in English lessons.

Diabolo 	- Put the spool in the middle of the string - Hold a stick in each hand - Throw the spool in the air and catch in on the string	Jacob's Ladder 	- Hold the ladder at one end - The blocks will flip over
Cup and Ball 	- Hold the cup in your hand - Swing the ball up so it lands in the cup	Whip and Top 	- Wrap string around the top - Give the stick a pull - Whip both sides with the string

Can your child tell you the name of a Victorian toy?

Can they tell you how to play with it?

Class 8 had an excellent day visiting the Victorian Classroom. They all took on the role of their character extremely well. Photos will be on the website and Facebook in December once all classes have been.

Reminders:

PE

Class 7 PE day is Thursday.

Class 8 PE day is Thursday.

Class 9 PE day is Thursday.

Children must have the following in their PE bag: t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, jacket, pumps or trainers and earrings removed or tapped on their PE day (this cannot be done by a member of staff).

Their kit must stay in school for the week in the event that the PE day needs to change and / or a child has an accident so that we can change them into their own clothing so that they feel comfortable.

Class 8 and class 9 Year 2s will be swimming every Thursday from Thursday 20th November until the Thursday 29th January.

Attendance for KS1:

Class 7 - 98%

Class 8 - 98.3%

Class 9 - 99.3%

Homework

Homework will mainly be handed out on a Tuesday. On the odd occasion it may be on a different day due to timetable changes. Please return homework on a Monday. Handing it on a Monday gives you the opportunity before the weekend to ask the teacher any questions so that you are clear of how to support your child if unsure. There is a tray in each class where the homework needs to be returned. Please ask the teacher where this tray is if unsure.

Spellings

Spellings are handed out in phonics lessons every Thursday and your child will be tested on these spellings the following Thursday.

Children will receive a list of spellings to practise each week. In addition to the spellings, children will be tested on a sentence containing the words. However, the sentence will not be sent home. This is to see if they can apply the spelling currently within their writing. Can you get your child to practise applying the words by creating their very own sentences?

Reading Diaries

Children in KS1 have all been provided with a Home Reading Diary. Please fill this in daily based on your child reading a couple of pages of a book or a whole book. Please return the Reading Diary to school each day and leave it in the designated classroom tray. There are books situated in the classroom for your child to take home when they have finished the book they are reading. Reading is extremely important to your child's development so we really encourage your child to read a book or pages of a book daily. If you are unsure of your child's reading book colour then please ask your teacher.

Online Safety

The below has been taken from GOV.UK and is guidance based on "Support for parents and carers to keep children safe online". While there are huge benefits to being online to stay connected to family and friends, the government recognises many parents feel concerned about the activities and content their children are accessing. This guidance outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to get support and advice.

Keep your child safe online

It is important to have regular conversations about staying safe online and to encourage children to speak to you if they come across something worrying online.

Talk to your child about the importance of creating a safe online environment, including keeping any log-in details and passwords safe.

The below resource is designed to support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:

Thinkuknow by the National Crime Agency - Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (NCA-CEOP) - resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/>

Thank you

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