

# Weekly Newsletter

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PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR FULL PE KIT IN SCHOOL.

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).

This week:

As part of **English** this week the children have continued their second cycle of story writing. Our story writing this half term is based on the short Pixar film 'For the birds'. This week we have used the coordinating conjunction 'and' to write compound sentences. We then moved onto writing questions either to ask the characters or what the characters may have said in the story, For example; Why were you unkind to Harry? Or Hello, what is your name?

We then wrote exclamation sentences, for example 'What a mess you have made!' shouted Sarah.

Can your child show you what a question mark and exclamation mark look like and explain when we use them?



As part of **Maths** this week children have continued learning about capacity and volume. The children know that **capacity** is the amount of liquid a container **can hold** whereas, **volume** is the **amount of liquid in a container**.

We looked at some containers with different amounts of liquid in and predicted whether they would have less than 1 litre, more than 1 litre or approximately 1 litre. The children were fantastic at using what they have already learnt to make these predictions. After that, we completed some word problems based on capacity and volume.

| Less than 1L   | Approximately 1L   | More than 1L   |
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Can your child tell you how many millilitres is in 1 litre?

The children's topic this half term is 'Rio De Vida'. As part of topic lessons, children have started their Science learning. They have learnt about animals in the local environment. We then learnt about the six main classification groups; invertebrates, fish, amphibians, birds, reptiles and mammals. Children had to identify the animal and then sort it into the correct group by identifying their key features. For example, the children know that invertebrates don't have a backbone and that mammals either have fur or hair.

Can your child tell you an animal from each of the six classification groups?

### Attendance for KS1:

Class 7 - 96.3%

Class 8 - 91.7%

Class 9 - 94.7%

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> November until the Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

### 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:

Parents' Guide to Age Ratings explains how the British Board of Film Classification rates content, and gives parents advice on choosing online content well <https://indd.adobe.com/view/edb6c04a-b984-4cd4-ab93-79ea28ac8298>

Thank you

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