



Year R Newsletter



Numeracy

This half term we are going to be looking at adding and subtracting in a lot more depth building on the children's number knowledge they have acquired already. We will be looking at the symbols for adding and subtracting and beginning to say a number sentence aloud when adding and taking away different objects. The children will be finding the total number of items in two groups by counting all of them and begin to subtract single digit numbers by using numicon. We are also going to be looking at sharing objects equally between two groups and to know this is called halving. The children are also expected to be writing numerals to represent numbers this half term which builds on the work they have been doing in their home MAC books. Please continue to complete one activity a day in book one and when your child has finished the book they will be asked a few questions about their understanding of the book and then if successful they will be given book two.

Communication and Language

We are encouraging the children to use more language that they will be learning through our topic of under the sea and begin to use talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.

Key Days

Tuesday- Woodland School (SUN)
Wednesday – Woodland school (Stars)
Wednesday - Spelling test
Wednesday - Hand in MAC books.
Thursday – Hand in reading book.

Reading

One of the most important things we ask is that you read with your child once a day. They are provided with a simple phonics book which at the minute has a pink or red sticker. Your child should be able to sound out most of the sounds in these books and begin to blend them into words. Please write any questions or comments on your child's reading in the reading journals.

Our Learning Behaviours

We have been helping your little one understand how to be a Caring, Creative, Collaborative and Critical learner. They are working towards earning their first 4C certificate.

PE

Sun class will be doing PE on a **Thursday** in week 2,3,4
Star class will be doing PE on **Thursday** in week 4,5, and the first week after half term.
It is important that children have a PE kit in school and all items are clearly named. Please make sure all earrings are removed on these days and long hair is tied back.

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We will be learning about the Barncroft 6Rs



- Respect for each other
- Respect for people's feelings
- Respect for ourselves
- Respect for the environment
- Respect for physical safety
- Respect for the truth

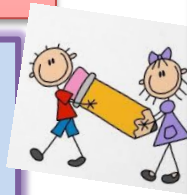


Phonics and spelling

Please continue to use the whiteboards provided to practice the words and sounds learnt in school. The children will continue to complete a small written spelling test of 5/6 High Frequency words. These are words they should know by the end of the year. Please practice writing these words at home encouraging your child to look, say, cover write, check the word.

Swimming

Swimming will start after Christmas on a Friday Morning. A text will be sent out after Christmas to confirm which class is swimming first.



Book Bags

We expect all children to bring their book bag to school every day as there are letters, reading books and challenge books to go home.

Lunch

Please look at the weekly newsletter to find out what the lunch choice is each day, and help your child decide what they would like. No drinks from home are allowed as the children have a school water bottle.

Reading books

Each day your child will have the chance to choose a story or information book to bring home. They can keep the book as long as they like. Just bring it in when finished and choose a new one. They will also have a school reading book each week. Please add comments about how your child is doing in their **reading challenge book** and return this to school every **Thursday**. If you have any questions please ask.

Woodland School

Sun class – Tuesday
Stars Class- Wednesday
We will be spending one afternoon each week in our woodland area. Please make sure your child has their coat and jumper as we will go out in most weathers.