

Bellfield Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter

Year Group: Reception



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We are looking forward to a fantastic year and know that the children are going to be amazing! Although this is going to be a 'strange' term, we know that you will continue to support us in ensuring that all children are given the highest quality teaching and succeed. This is our new style class newsletter. All communication will be sent out via Seesaw or Parent Pay so please login to your emails and Seesaw account on a regular basis.

Welcome and Termly News

Welcome to Bellfield Foundation Stage 2. I hope you all had a wonderful Summer holiday, especially with all that not so good weather!

I am excited to be working with your children this year in Reception class and I can't wait to watch them all grow throughout the year.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to send me a message via SeeSaw. As always it is important that children are at school on time each day. This term we will be doing much of our important Reading work which we call 'Ready Steady Read' first thing in a morning from 8.30-8:50am. Please make every effort to have your child at school for 8:30am. Please also make sure that all clothing has your child's name clearly written, stitched or stuck on. It's amazing how much lost property we collect each term!

Please ensure your child has their green book bags with them every day with their reading book and words inside. I know some of you are waiting for the book bags to arrive so in the meantime please send their zipped book bags with their words inside.

We are yet to give a date for when PE will restart but I will give plenty of notice via SeeSaw so that you can organise to get your child's PE kit ready.

Finally, I would like to introduce you to Miss Stevens who will be working with Reception this year as a Trainee Teacher.

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Gladwell

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Literacy this term and our chosen author/text:

As authors and readers we will be learning how to read and write new letters during daily phonic lessons and we will start to write some of our high frequency words too. Please help your child at home by listening to them read each day, Help your child to learn how to spell monster words by practising spelling them each night and making sentences with them. We will be writing labels, captions, posters and lists. We will be excited to learn how to form letters in our schools cursive handwriting script. The children always enjoy learning how to do, what we call, 'grown up' writing so please support this process. We will also be learning how to form sentences using our catchy song!

Thank you.



Our texts for this term will be:

We're Going On A Bear Hunt

Peace At Last

Goldilocks And The Three Bears



Phonics:

Within phonics we will be:

learning new phonemes (letter sounds) and learn how to write them correctly. We will use our phonic knowledge to help read and write simple CVC words. We will also use our phonics to help us read exciting books. This term we will be focusing mainly on the following phonemes within words. (s,a,t,p,l,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,ck,e,u,r,h,b,f,ff,l,ll,ss)

Phonics is fun! If you need any support with phonics or reading please see Mrs Gladwell.

Maths this term:

As Mathematicians we will be:

Continuing to recognise, order and understand the numbers 1-10. It is very important that children learn and understand numbers to 10 before they look at higher numerals. This solid number foundation is key to

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future calculations and higher order skills needed in Key Stage 1. We will continue to learn numerals 11-20 but will focus much of our number work around 10. Pupils need to be able to complete number related work to 10 in measuring, weighing, ordering, size, capacity, comparisons, tallying, data collection and calculation. We will count a range of sets of objects and match the correct numeral to the sets that we count. We will also continue to use 'Little Big Maths' to enhance our learning and understanding of amounts, counting, number and the reading of numerals. We will enjoy developing our knowledge of shapes and patterns through our weekly exploration. We will continue to use stories and songs to enhance our learning experience and provide real contexts to learning. Please help you child at home by singing these songs, reciting numbers and counting.

Our focus Maths text is: One Ted Falls Out Of Bed

Our focus Maths song is: Ten in the Bed

Curriculum:

To have more understanding of the world we will learn about our local community and our immediate Environment. We are going to be looking at different woodland animals and learning about their environment. We will be learning about different types of bears too so please talk to your child about different bears you might find on different continents.

We will have weekly RE sessions through our 'Discovery RE' curriculum. This term the theme is 'Special People' so please send in photos of your child with people who are special to them.

To be creative we will enjoy using the outdoor area by looking at and exploring textures, shapes and colours and using the environment as a source of inspiration for our creations. We will use the musical teaching site 'Churanga' to learn a range of songs and start to use percussion instruments to express ourselves.

Educational Visits

Obviously, this term we are only doing local area visits and having visitors into school.