



Caterpillar Class Newsletter

November 2020



Caterpillar Class!



Welcome back, I hope that you have all managed to have a fabulous half term break.

Reading and Phonics Fobs

It is really important that you read with your child daily, whether this is their sharing book or them reading a book to you. Please record this in the daily reading record so that we know that the book is being shared.

As children in reception begin to show signs of blending their letter sounds they will begin to bring a book of their own home to read to you.

It is also important to make sure you go over your child's phonic fobs daily and that these are brought into school every day for them to use in lessons and so new sounds can be added.

Year 1 children will also begin to bring home a sound fob with new sounds that they are beginning to learn in their phonics too.

IF ANY YEAR 1 PARENTS COULD RETURN OLD FOBS FROM LAST YEAR THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

Don't Forget...

Reading books are changed on a Monday so all zip wallets need to be in on this day for both YR/1.

Y1- Spelling books need to come in on a Friday.

Make sure all clothing and items are **NAMED** as there are lots of children's items that all look the same. For reception children please provide spare underwear/trousers as unfortunately we are unable to provide spares at present.

Each child should have a named PE kit, which comes into school on Monday and goes home on a Friday.

Homework

Daily reading/discussion of books

YR/1 – Phonic fobs.

Y1 – Weekly piece of either maths/literacy sent home on a Monday.

YR/1 – 1 piece of topic work to be completed in the lead up to Christmas – see next page.

Curriculum – This Half term

Our learning for this half term will focus around our 'Paddington Bear Goes to the UK'.

English - Information texts, Pattern and Rhyme, Texts with a repetitive Pattern.

Maths – Addition and Subtraction, Geometry: Shape, Number place value

Geography – Paddington Bear Visits the UK.

Computing – Beebots, programming simple electronic toys/recording sounds.

Science – Seasons- Autumn and Winter Art – Fabric Faces/Christmas decorations RSE – Celebrating difference	Music – Rhythm in the way we walk and banana rap. R.E. – Who is Jesus? Why is Jesus important to Christians?
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Reminders

- **Water bottles** – Children will need a water bottle each day, as we are unable to offer cups or spares. Please make sure that this is spill proof – thank you.
- **Wellington Boots** – Please make sure your child has a pair of boots that are named and stay in school at all times..
- **Colder weather** – The weather is now getting colder please make sure the children has a NAMED hat, scarf, gloves and a warm coat. do provide your child with NAMED clothing. We have to leave doors and windows open for ventilation so if you would like to provide your child with an extra NAMED jumper/fleece to wear indoors then please do. We spend time outside as part of our provision so it is important that children have the appropriate clothing.
- **Contact** – Unfortunately it is not possible for us to hold lengthy conversations at the start and end of the day. If you have any questions or queries could you please email them to the office or to myself direct and I will do my best to answer them as best I can. I will also do my best to email concerns throughout the day.

TOPIC HOMEWORK

Choose one of these pieces of homework below (to be completed by the 19th of December) – You can do more than one if you would like to. If evidence can be put on Tapestry that will be great and if you could give it the title - **TOPIC HOMEWORK**. Many thanks.

Geography- Paddington Bear likes to visit places in the UK. Can you find out about a city in the UK and draw/write about it? You could even do a video of your findings.	Maths- What shapes can you find in and around your home? Can you take pictures of these? How many sides and corners do they have?	English - Y1 - Practise your sentence writing – Can you write a postcard to Mrs Lansdell about something you have enjoyed doing at the weekend or a place you have visited with your family?
Art - Can you design and make a Christmas decoration for your tree at home? Which materials or fabrics did you use?	Science – Seasons – Can you draw pictures or write/tell Mrs Lansdell about how things change from Autumn to Winter?	English – YR Can you write your name independently? If you can already do this can you write down some sounds/words that you have learnt?

Finally, thank you for all your support throughout these challenging times.

Many thanks

Mrs Lansdell and Ms Head