

Tividale Community Primary School

Newsletter – Class 1 and 2



Attendance and Punctuality

We hope that you all had a fabulous Summer holiday and would like to extend a warm welcome to you all at the start of a busy half term. It is very important that the children attend every day and that they are on time coming to and leaving school. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Miss Ralph or Mrs Noble (Class 1) or Miss Davies (Class 2).

Routine

Thank you for your support in adopting our school routine. The children have benefitted and are settling in well. We would be grateful if you could say goodbye to your child in the playground when their class teacher is with them and ready to walk them round to the classroom. Allowing your child to walk into school independently will help develop their confidence. Your child will be working to achieve the Personal, Social and Emotional targets that have been sent home along with this newsletter. On wet mornings, the children will be allowed to enter school via the lower playground entrance. The door will be open no earlier than 8.45am on rainy mornings and a member of staff will escort the children to their classes.



Uniform/Clothing

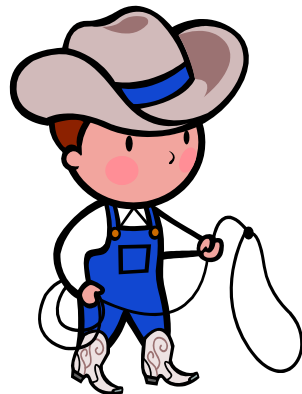
Everyone looks very smart in their school uniform and we would like to thank you for your efforts in this respect. Recommended PE kit is a white T- shirt, blue shorts and black light weight pumps for indoor use. We thank you for all the PE kits that have already made their way in to school and would be grateful if any PE kits that are still at home could be sent in as soon as possible. Unnecessary jewellery should not be worn. If children have pierced ears, studs may be worn. **Could you please label all items of clothing to save any mix –ups.**

Milk and Fruit

Children under five are entitled to free milk daily. If your child does not like milk, please encourage them to bring in a named bottle of water to drink in class at this time. **Juice or fruit squash should only be brought in lunchboxes for children to drink at dinnertime and not in the classroom.** All children receive a free piece of fruit daily which they can eat at morning playtime. If your child is staying in school for lunchtimes, please can they stay for either sandwiches or school meals for the whole half – term.

Topic

This half -term our topic will be ‘1,2,3 Can you count with Me?’. The children will have an opportunity to learn a variety of number rhymes off by heart such as 1,2 Buckle my Shoe, 1,2,3 Little Cowboys, 5 currant buns, 5 little speckled frogs and 10 Green Bottles. They will also have an opportunity to learn different versions of these rhymes too. The children will complete activities linked to these rhymes such as shoe threading, learning about the life of a cowboy, making wanted posters, writing shopping lists, making and tasting currant buns, observational drawings of buns, learning about the life cycle of a frog, split pin frogs and finding out about recycling and the importance of it to our environment. From time to time we may ask you to send in items from home to support the focus for the week. The majority of our Understanding of the World work and our Creative work will revolve around this topic.



Maths

In Maths, we will be developing our counting, number recognition and ordering skills during this half term. We will also be looking at the weight and size of different objects and using appropriate mathematical language to compare objects. In addition to this, we will be learning about capacity. We will also have a weekly number formation lesson.

Literacy

Much of our Literacy work for this half term will be based on our topic. The children will be listening to a range of stories and looking at non-fiction books to find information. We will be developing pencil control by mark making and tracing. In the next couple of weeks, the children will begin Letters and Sounds Phonics. They will learn new sounds each week and how to blend these sounds to read words. The children will bring a homework sheet reinforcing new sounds and High Frequency Words. Please sit with your child while they practice their writing. Please help support your child by practicing the sounds they have been taught in school. Your child will bring home a reading book with a reading record. Please find time to hear your child read and make a comment in their reading record to let us know how they have got on. Reading books will then be changed weekly each Wednesday. However it would be helpful if your child could bring their books each day.

Homework

Your child will be sent home with two pieces of homework (one piece of Literacy and one piece of Maths) in their homework folder on a Friday. Please sit with your child while they complete their homework. Please return your child's homework in their folder by Wednesday.



Wow Board

We appreciate that children have different experiences and achievements outside school e.g. football clubs, dance, swimming, visits to special places. We would like to share and celebrate these within school. We have created a WOW board in Reception to display these experiences and achievements. We would like as many children to contribute as possible, therefore, if your child has anything to display on it, for example, photos, certificates, drawings, paintings etc, please encourage them to bring them into school. Post it notes will also be available for you to let us know about anything your child has done at home e.g. counted to 20, added two numbers together.

Important Days/Dates

PE – Mondays and Wednesdays
Parents Evening – Thursday 16th October
Harvest Festival – Thursday 23rd October
Break up for Half Term – Thursday 23rd October
School Closed Staff Training Day – Friday 24th October
Back to school - Monday 3rd November
Halloween Disco – Thursday 6th November

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Signed: Mrs Noble / Miss Ralph (Class 1)
Miss Davies (Class 2)

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