

Tividale Community Primary School

Newsletter – Class 1 and 2



Attendance and Punctuality

We hope that you all had a wonderful holiday and would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. 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. 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 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 ‘What’s out the window?’ The children will have an opportunity to learn about different types of weather such as storms, snow and rain and the effects they have on us and the environment. The children will complete activities linked to different weathers such as painting rainbows, making kites, exploring watercolours, making snowmen, learning about nocturnal animals, hurricanes, tornadoes and creating a rain dance to name a few. 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. In addition to this, we will be looking at addition and subtraction and becoming familiar with each operation and the symbols associated with them. Some children will be completing these calculations using objects, the dot method or using a numberline. 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. The children will be learning how to write simple sentences, remembering to start them with a capital letter and end them with a full stop. We will be encouraging children to use their phonic knowledge to spell unfamiliar words and encourage them to spell some tricky words, for example, the, to, was accurately within their writing. The children will also be encouraged to sequence the events of a story and talk about the characters within a story. 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. **Please ensure your child has their reading book and record in school every day** but books will be changed every Wednesday.

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

Whole School Photograph – Tuesday 10th February
Valentines Disco – Thursday 12th February
Break up for Half Term – Friday 13th February
Back to school - Monday 23rd February

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We would like to say thank you for all the cards and gifts we received before Christmas, it was very kind.

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

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