

Tividale Community Primary School

Newsletter – Class 1 and 2



Attendance and Punctuality

We hope that you all had a fabulous holiday and would like to extend a warm welcome to you all at the start of a short but 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. 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. **As it is such a short half term, these targets will continue into next half term too.** 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 the children will have an opportunity to learn about and celebrate Chinese New Year. We will be finding out what year it is, how people celebrate Chinese New Year, writing Chinese numbers, making lanterns, Chinese drums and a Chinese dragon. We will also be learning about the author Michael Rosen and reading one of his stories We're Going on a Bear Hunt. The children will have an opportunity to go on their own Bear hunt, exploring mud, matching instruments to different parts of the story and making their own clay bear. We will also be celebrating Mother's Day and thinking carefully about how special our mummies are to us and being thankful for the things they do for us! Finally, we will be ending this half term by celebrating Easter. The children will complete activities linked to Easter such as decorating their own egg, making an Easter card and going on a number Easter egg hunt. From time to time we may ask you to send in items from home to support the focus for the week.



Maths

In Maths, we will be developing our counting, number recognition and ordering skills during this half term. We will also be looking at 3D shape (what they are called and some of their properties), subtraction and money. 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 out information. The children will be developing their writing skills too by learning how to write sentences, trying to remember a capital letter at the beginning, a full stop at the end and finger spaces between words. The children will continue with phonics, learning new sounds and how to blend sounds together to read words. **It is important that your child brings their reading book and reading record into school EVERYDAY inside their book bag.**

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.

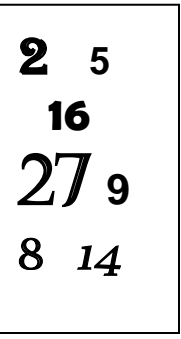


Wow Board

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
World Book Day – Friday 6th March
Book Fayre (after school) – Tuesday 3rd March – Tuesday 10th March
Non – Uniform Day for Comic Relief – Friday 13th March
Parents Evening – Thursday 19th March
Easter Bonnet Parade and Concert – Thursday 26th March
Break up for Half Term – Friday 27th March
Back to school - Monday 13th April



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

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