

Tividale Community Primary School

Newsletter – Year 1



Welcome back to school after the half-term break. We hope you all enjoyed it. If you have any queries arising from any matters in this newsletter or any other questions please speak to Mrs Maclennan and Mrs Shields (Class 4) or Mrs Draper (Class 3).

Attendance and Punctuality

Many thanks for your continuing efforts to ensure the children arrive at school on time. Please make an extra big effort this half-term!

Homework

Thank you for all your support with making the models last term, they were fantastic! We would also like to say a big thank you to the children who regularly return their homework. Please can you continue to encourage them to complete their homework and return it on Mondays or Tuesdays. Please could you support the children with their weekly spellings and ensure that they bring their spelling books to school on Thursdays.

Helping Your Child

Please can you continue to practise the phonics sounds with your child in preparation for their Year One Phonics test.

Uniform/Clothing

Everyone looks very smart in their school uniform and again we would like to thank you for your continued efforts in this respect. Recommended PE kit is a white T shirt, blue shorts and light weight black pumps for indoor use. Unnecessary jewellery should not be worn. If children have pierced ears, studs may be worn but they must be removed or covered for PE lessons. **Due to Forest school, items of clothes have gone missing please could you make sure that your child's name is written in each item.** Please could you also check for and return any items of clothes that do not belong to your child.



Drinks

If your child does not have milk and would like juice at morning playtimes, please send them to school with £1 in a clearly named and labelled envelope. This money should be sent in on Friday mornings to pay for the following week's juice. Your child is encouraged to bring a bottle of water to drink in the classroom. Please make sure that water bottles are clearly labelled and contain only plain water, not flavoured.



Maths

We will improve our mental math's skills through a variety of short burst activities using and applying mathematical knowledge.
The children will be continuing to work on calculations involving addition and subtraction. We will also be consolidating counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

English

The children will be studying Letters and Sounds phonics. Our story focus will be 'The Enormous Turnip' and we will also be focusing on rhymes with predictable and repetitive patterns. Most Literacy activities will be linked to our topic of 'What grows in the garden?' with the specific emphasis on Plants and Growing.

Foundation Curriculum

This half term our topic is 'What grows in the garden?' and we will also be looking closely at 'Plants and Growing'. We will be teaching the following areas of the curriculum through this topic:

Music: understanding pitch

Science: plants and growing

History: looking at toys from the past

Art: observational drawings, vegetable printing and the study of Giuseppe Arcimboldo

ICT: Simulations – we are Gardeners.

RE: Who celebrates what? How and where?

PE: Games.

Targets

Your child will be given their new targets. Due to the term being only 5 weeks the targets will continue throughout the following half term.

Important Days/Dates

PE: Class 3 & 4 – Mondays

Book Fair-Tuesday 3rd – Monday 9th March

World Book Day -(favourite characters) Friday 6th March

Comic relief day (non uniform) Friday 13th March

Parents evening Thursday 19th March

Easter Bonnet Parade Thursday 26th March

Break up for Easter Friday 27th March

Teacher Training day Monday 13th April

School opens Tuesday 14th April

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Signed:

(Class Teachers) Date: March 2015