

Tividale Community Primary School
Spring 1 Newsletter
Reception



Morning Routine

In the mornings, please allow the children to walk into school independently now the children have settled into school. We would also appreciate it if you are able to wait in the playground until both Reception classes have begun walking around.



PE Kits

The children will be doing PE on a **Wednesday** and a **Friday**. 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. Please can you make sure that all jewellery is removed on PE days.

Water Bottles in the Classroom



Last half term, it was great to see so many children bringing in water bottles to access throughout the day. Please may we take this opportunity to remind you **juice or squash should only be brought in lunchboxes for children to drink at dinnertime and not in the classroom**. We encourage children to drink **water** throughout the day.

School Bags

Recently, there has been a rise in the number of large bags/back packs being used as school bags. We would like to remind parents that children should use a **blue school book bag**. These are available to purchase from the school office.

Proud Clouds

We would like you to contribute to your child's learning diary. If you notice something that your child can now do that they couldn't do before or they do something that you are particularly proud of, we ask that you write it down on one of our 'Proud Clouds' which are included alongside this newsletter and send it back into school so we can stick it inside your child's learning journey.

Example

"Joe has been working really hard learning his letter sounds. I'm so proud of him as he can now read simple sentences such as "It is a big, red mat" all by himself."

Reading Books

Please can we ask that your child has their book in school everyday to enable adults to listen to them read regularly. Please note, we will not change your child's book unless their reading record has been signed.



Topic

This term our topic will be 'What is out of this World? The children will become familiar with stories such as 'Aliens Love Underpants' and 'Whatever Next'. Some of the activities will include making jet packs, flying saucers, learning about the moon and astronauts.

Literacy

The children will be retelling, sequencing and learning about the characters and settings of these stories. The children will be beginning to write simple sentences. We will be encouraging children to use their phonic knowledge to write words and sentences and spelling tricky words correctly. We will be encouraging the children to read simple words and sentences and talking about what they have read.

Maths

The children will be adding one more to a number and finding one less than a number. The children will be exploring addition and subtraction this term. Initially, they will be completing simple calculations with practical apparatus and then moving on to using a number line.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 15 th February	Valentines Disco
Friday 16 th February	Break Up for Half Term
Monday 26 th February	School Opens
Friday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Friday 23 rd March	Non – Uniform Day for Sports Relief
Thursday 22 nd March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 27 th March	Easter egg hunt in school
Thursday 29 th March	Break Up for Easter Holidays