



## Balmorals Newsletter 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome to you and your child! We hope that this term will be exciting for everyone involved and that the children settle well into their new class at Bishops Itchington Primary School.

As this is your child's first half term in school, we will be using the time to really get to know one another and for us to assess each child and carefully plan next steps of learning for them all. We will use our topic to create a safe, fun and stimulating learning environment that allows all children to access learning in all the seven areas of the EYFS.

This term our learning will be based on the exciting theme of transport. We will be introducing the children to some amazing stories and songs along the way. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking some favourite titles such as the magic Train, The Runaway Train and the The Duck in the Truck.

We will also take the opportunity to celebrate and look at other occasions that crop up during the half term such as the beginning of Autumn, Harvest time and Diwali.

We will be following the Monster Phonics programme from the beginning of phase two and will use the jolly phonics songs to reinforce recognition of each sound. This will provide your child with the foundations that they will need to go on to read and write more confidently. Within our learning based around these fantastic stories, there will be plenty of literacy opportunities where we encourage your child to look more closely at reading and writing simple words, as well as having a focus on recognising and writing their names beautifully. We will also be gaining a greater awareness on rhyme and alliteration and recognising initial sounds within words.

In mathematics we will have a big focus on encouraging your child to become a careful counter within their activities. They will be learning to recognise and correctly form each number. We will also be exploring patterns and different positional language. Other learning opportunities will include looking at sizes relating to height and length.

We will be having our PE session on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. Your child will play lots of instructional games and enjoy exploring different

movement and music within our dancing time. Please make sure your child has a named PE kit in school on Tuesday and Thursday.

We will have our Forest School session every Wednesday so please ensure your child has their welly's and suitable clothing in school on this day. Your child will also be learning within our outside classroom every day so suitable clothing such as rain coats or sun hats are required to ensure your child's health and safety.

We will be sending reading books out on Mondays. Your child will have these books until Friday when we need all reading books to be returned for the weekend. We will be listening to children read regularly throughout the week and we will record this. Please can you record and comment when you have listened to your child read at home.

For home learning this half term, we will be having a big focus on Mark-Making. I will be sending home activities to encourage early writing and develop your child's pencil grip. If you have any difficulty with home learning please just let us know.

We will keep the website up to date on all the exciting learning going on within class, so it is always a good idea to have a little look on there.

Please if you have any questions or worries, however big or small, never hesitate to speak to us. You can contact me on Seesaw. We will always be on the playground in the mornings for drop off time and around after school for a quick chat once we have handed over all children. If you require a longer appointment, then please arrange a meeting before or after school time.

***"Your children are of the most importance to us and we want them to feel happy and safe to flourish within their learning environment".***

Here's to a very happy half term!

Miss Jeacock and the Early Years Team

