



BISHOPS ITCHINGTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

PART OF STOWE VALLEY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Balmoral Class Newsletter

Term 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that your children have enjoyed their Autumn term with us and are excited to be back after Christmas.

We will be developing our planning to provide all children with experiences that will develop their knowledge and skills within all seven areas of the learning and development. During continuous provision, adults will model and scaffold children's learning, assessing next step within their development and ensuring all children are making good levels of progress.

We will use our topic of 'Our World' to create a safe, fun and stimulating learning environment, linked to the children's interests. We will be focusing on Space and Dinosaurs which is relating to the children's interests.

English – Reading & Phonics

This term our learning will be based on the exciting theme of 'Our World'. We will be introducing the children to some amazing stories and songs along the way, enabling the children to develop a love of reading. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at some favourite titles such as 'Whatever Next', Harry and the Bucket full of Dinosaurs and Mad about Dinosaurs. These children's favourites will help to capture their interest and encourage writing for a variety of purposes including lists, captions, information texts, letters, and simple instructions.

We continue to share lots of books and stories, enabling the children to develop a love of reading. We shall be investigating the features of non-fiction texts and reading a wide range of material as a class to inform our topics.

The children are becoming great noisy sounders and are also becoming brilliant blenders, they work hard to sound out words and blend sounds to read or write words.

Reading books will be sent home each Monday. Please ensure your child's reading books are returned each Friday. Please can you record and comment when you have listened to your child read at home and share any significant progress within their reading.

We will be listening to the children read regularly throughout the week.

We will be continuing to follow the Monster Phonics programme for Reception which focuses on phase two and phase 3. This will continue to build on your child knowledge and skills foundations, to be able to go on to read and write more confidently.

We will be working hard to develop your child's writing this term. We will 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 continuing to gain a greater awareness on rhyme and alliteration. We continue to focus on recognising initial, middle, and final sounds within words. Children will be encouraged to form letters and sounds correctly so we can join letters later on. They will also learn to write simple and familiar words and maybe even some short sentences or phrases. Children will have opportunities to share their writing with others, so ideas can be heard. We will also be making sure that children know the letter names as well as the letter sounds.

Maths

We will be following the White Rose scheme to develop your child's mathematical development. This Spring term phase is titled 'Alive in 5' and 'Growing 6, 7 and 8'.

In mathematics, we will be introducing pentagons, hexagons, heptagons and octagons. We will be having a big focus on the numbers 5, 6, 7 and 8, encouraging your child to become a careful counter within their activities. They will be learning to recognise and correctly form each number. We will be ordering numbers and subitising to 6 using dice, counters and pictures. We will be focusing on adding and combining two groups.

We will also be comparing height and length. We will be learning the days of the week and learning about measuring time.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be continuing to share our news with one another, and any home learning experiences through seesaw and carpet time. This will develop the children's ability to take account of what others say and build their self-confidence in speaking to others about their own needs, wants, interests and opinions.

As a class we will continue to explore how to talk effectively to others so that we can get along together. We will collaborate to build large outdoor projects and plan our ideas for the role play areas.

We will continue to revise and follow our class rules to ensure everyone feels happy and safe within their learning environments.

Children will be encouraged to enjoy carrying out tasks and develop their independence further.

We will continue to explore how we can help others and share appropriately. Children will be provided with ample opportunities for making their own choices within their learning.

Please upload any home learning or news to Seesaw, ready for your child to share on Monday afternoon.

Physical Development

We will be having our PE session on a Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please make sure your child comes into school wearing their school PE kits on these days. Please make sure your child is wearing a school jumper and not a hoodie.

In our weekly P.E sessions, we will become aware of the space, obstacles and others around us. We will be looking at how to store, use and set out equipment safely. We are going to be exploring different ways of moving whilst using the apparatus and equipment, looking at balancing and climbing skills.

Your child will play lots of instructional games and enjoy exploring different movement and music within our dancing time. During our weekly music sessions, the children will work as part of a team to create dances linked to different themes, exploring a broad range of multi-cultural stories and music.

Whilst practising small and large movements over the weeks ahead, we will notice what happens to our bodies when we exercise and learn about the importance of food, exercise, sleep and hygiene in order to stay healthy.

In class, we will be carrying out lots of fine motor activities such as threading and dough modelling, along with practising lots of cutting to develop our fine motor skills.

Understanding of the World

We will be continuing our Forest School sessions on a Wednesday afternoon, using the wonderful grounds within the school to look for changes in our environment and the weather. Within Forest School sessions, we will be exploring the seasonal changes. We will be investigating and learning about our natural surroundings, the weather, and working hard on looking after our site and the vegetable patches.

Please can your child have a named pair of wellies in school every Wednesday. It will be getting cold so

children will need gloves and a warm hat too. Your child will also be learning within our outside classroom every day so suitable clothing such as raincoats or woolly hats are required to ensure your child's health and safety.

We will take the opportunity to celebrate and look at other occasions that crop up during this term such as Chinese New Year, Burns Night and Valentine's Day.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will have ample opportunities to engage in imaginative role-play within both the indoor and outdoor areas. Our role plays and small world areas will include a space rocket theme setups and dinosaur worlds. We will be using our imagination to develop characters, stories, and events.

We have a wide range of creative resources which the children will be encouraged to use independently. The Children will be creating 3D sculptures and models using junk modelling and clay. We will be getting excited heading towards Valentine's Day and creating many crafts to send home to enjoy.

Homework

Home Learning will be set each week, linking to our topic or literacy focus within our learning environment. We will continue to have a big focus on Mark-Making as well. 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. Please can you upload evidence of the home learning on to Seesaw for your child to share with their friends on Monday afternoons.

We will keep Seesaw and 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.

We do hope that your child enjoys the Spring term with us.

Miss Jeacock, Miss Aston Mrs. Cherington and Mrs. Jones