



Balmoral Class Newsletter

Summer Term 2021

Key events to look forward to this term.

St Georges Day, National Smile Week, Teddy Bears Picnic, Transition into Year 1, End of Reception Party.

English – Reading & Phonics

We will continue to share lots of books and stories, enabling the children to develop a love of reading. This term our topic is 'New Life' in Summer 1 and 'Water' in Summer 2. We shall be investigating the features of non-fiction texts and reading a wide range of material as a class to inform our topics. We will be using amazing stories such as 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson and traditional Tales, such as Jack and the Bean Stalk. 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 will be continuing to follow the Monster Phonics programme. This will provide your child with the foundations that they will need to go on to read and write more independently.

The children are becoming more confident at segmenting sounds within new words. They are continuing to practise blending and are becoming brilliant readers. Children will be encouraged to form letters and sounds correctly so we will be able to join letters later on. They will also learn to write simple and familiar words and develop our sentence writing and structure.

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.

We will be gaining a greater awareness on rhyme and alliteration and recognising initial, middle, and final sounds within words.

Reading books will continue to be sent home each Monday. Please ensure your child's reading books are returned each Friday.

We will be listening to children read regularly throughout the week. Please can you also record and comment when you have listened to your child read at home.

Maths

We will be continuing to follow the White Rose scheme to develop your child's mathematical development. Summer term phases are titled 'on the move' 'superhero to 20 and beyond' 'First, then and now' and 'Find my pattern'.

The children have worked hard on their number formation and recognition to 10. The children are using good mathematical language and are consolidating skills they have learnt previously.

We will continue to learn a range of mental/oral knowledge including doubles and halves to ten, number bonds, odd and even numbers and counting in 2s 5s and 10s.

We will practise estimating and counting objects, recognising numerals and solving number problems to 10 and beyond.

We will be learning how to apply our knowledge of number to solve simple calculations and 'real life' problems. In Shape, Space and Measure, we will be exploring time and money.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be continuing to share our news with one another and share our own experiences. This will continue to 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 re-visit our class rules and investigate why different rules are needed in different environments.

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

We will explore how our own actions can affect other people, learn how to ask for help as well as help others and share appropriately. Children will continue to be provided with ample opportunities for making their own choices about their learning.

Physical Development

In our weekly P.E sessions, we will continue to be aware of the space, obstacles and others around us. We will be looking at how to store, use and set out equipment safely. As the weather is improving, we will be heading outside to develop our ball skills and team sports. The children loved football club in the Autumn and Spring term, so we will continue to develop our ball skills through tennis and parachute ball games.

We are going to be learning to play Parachute games on a Tuesday and Tennis skills on a Thursday.

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.

Summer 2 we will be on the field, learning simple athletic skills such as long jump, track events and distance throwing.

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 continue to use our cutting skills and a variety of instruments to develop our fine motor skills.

Our P.E sessions are on a Tuesday and Thursday. All children will continue to come into school wearing their named P.E kit.

Understanding of the World

We have Forest School sessions on Wednesday, where we will continue to explore the seasonal changes. We will be investigating buds, blossom, weather, and flowers.

We will also be working hard on looking after our site and vegetable patches.

Please ensure your child has a pair of named wellies that are kept in a bag on their peg.

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 play areas will include a home corner, Seaside Café, and baby clinic. 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. We will be exploring colours and how they can be changed to create new ones as well as developing our drawing and painting. The children have shown a great passion for making textured collages and junk models and will have many more opportunities linked to our topic and own interests.

Homework

Home Learning will be set each week, linking to our topics, and learning experiences within the environments.

Please can you upload evidence of the home learning on to Seesaw for your child to share with their friends on Monday afternoons.

We do hope that your child enjoys their last term of this academic year with us. If you do have any worries or concerns, please feel free to speak to one of us quickly, about any matter, however small.

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