



BISHOPS ITCHINGTON  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

PART OF STOWE VALLEY MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

# Balmoral Class Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2022

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.

Key events to look forward to this term: Be Bold, Be Gold pop-up café for chosen charity Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Autumn Stay and Play sessions for parents to be arranged within last week of half term.

### ***English – Reading & Phonics***

This term our learning will be based on the exciting theme of Superheroes. 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 the Super Kid, Super Worm and Supertato. 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 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 following the Monster Phonics programme for Reception which focuses on phase two. 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.

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.

### ***Maths***

We will be following the White Rose scheme to develop your child's mathematical development. This Autumn term phase is titled 'Just like me' and 'It's me 1, 2, 3'.

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 sorting objects into groups and comparing quantities, exploring patterns, and understanding positional language. Other learning opportunities will include looking at sizes relating to height and length.

### ***Personal, Social and Emotional Development***

This term we will be sharing our news with one another and will be sharing our own experiences. 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 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 plan 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 impact on other people, learn how to ask for help as well as help others and share appropriately. Children will be provided with ample opportunities for making their own choices about their learning.

### ***Physical Development***

We will be having our PE session on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure your child comes into school in their PE kits on these days. Please make sure your child is wearing a school/ red jumper on PE days too.

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.

We will be heading outside to develop our ball skills and team sports.

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 take the opportunity to celebrate and look at other occasions that crop up during this term such as the beginning of Autumn and Harvest time. We will have our Forest School session every Wednesday afternoon so please ensure your child has their wellies 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 raincoats or sun hats are required to ensure your child's health and safety.

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.

### ***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 home corner and a superhero set up. 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 learning about lines and shapes through portraits. We will be exploring colours and how they can be changed to create new ones as well as developing our drawing and painting. We will be making junk models and many more exciting 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.

We will also 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. 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 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 their first term with us.

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