

# Class Newsletter



6<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back to your child's second half term in school. This is traditionally a very busy, but fun time in school.

This term our topic will be light and dark. We will be looking at sources of light, shadows, nocturnal animals and celebrating light at Christmas. We have a 'dark' tent in the classroom with a variety of light sources in it that is already proving very popular!

We will continue to learn two or three new sounds each week and consolidate the sounds we have learnt already. We will be working on sounding out and blending skills using the sounds we know. Also looking at and learning the remainder of the phase 2 'tricky words'. We endeavour to hear all the children read each week and ask that when you hear your child read that you record it in their reading record. It is not necessary to complete the book in one session, but a shorter daily reading session is usually more beneficial. The more often your child practises their sounds and reads their book the more confident they will become.

In maths we will be looking at shape, pattern, sequencing and number. Counting forwards and backwards and number recognition is a vital skill towards your child's numeracy development. Again, practising with you will help them develop these skills.

We will continue to do games on a Monday and therefore the children will need to be in their trainers and joggers as before. We will also have a PE session during the week, so the children will need a white t shirt and dark shorts in their PE bags.

As the weather gets colder please can you ensure your child has a suitably warm coat and hat in school. We will continue to access the outdoor area daily. Please check that hats are named. Also mittens are ideal for their cold hands.

All of your children will be in the nativity play in December and will be expected to perform in the afternoon and evening performances. More details of costume requirements and ticket allocation will follow!!

As we move towards Christmas we will be doing lots of 'messy' activities and each child will need a painting shirt in school, if you are not sure if your child has one please check with us.

Finally, please can we ask for a £2 snack donation for each child this half term.

Many of you have been asking about the introduction of 'raffle tickets' at lunchtimes.

These are being given out by the midday supervisors, to children who are behaving consistently well in the hall and on the field and playground at dinner time. This includes good table manners, staying seated, not shouting, lining up nicely etc. These raffle tickets are placed in a class pot and each half term one will be drawn out and a prize awarded.

This is one of the new elements of the new behaviour policy being introduced into school. The emphasis is on rewarding good behaviour.

If you have any questions, please come in and ask!

Thank you for continuing to support your child in their learning.

Mrs Jenkins   Mrs Coe