



# Infant Class Term 5 Newsletter



We hope you have all had a lovely restful Easter and have come back refreshed to enjoy this very short, but busy term. We have a lot of exciting things to fit in this term and are looking forward to sharing these opportunities with you.

## Topic- Splash

This term our topic is titled Splash! It centres on a seaside theme where we will be looking at seaside towns past and present, the features of a seaside compared to where we live and creating some seaside themed art. We will be looking at animals as how we can classify them into different groups and then choosing our favourite animals to make using clay, with a focus on animals we might associate with the seaside. Please see the topic web for more information on what we are learning this term.

## Book Bags



A polite reminder that it is vital that your child's book bag continues to come to school with your child every day. This ensures your child's reading book is in school every day so we can read with them as much as possible and change their books as needed. This is also a useful tool in ensuring letters make it home safely.

## Cursive Script

Just a reminder that we are teaching children to write using the cursive script, year one children should now be starting to try and join letters together in preparation for year 2 next year. The rationale behind the decision to do this from reception is that it is proven that the younger they start the earlier they effectively join their writing, which is a requirement by the end of year 2.

I have attached the cursive script lettering sheet again as a reminder.

## Spellings and Times tables

Spelling will now be sent home weekly on a Friday. These spellings will relate to those we are learning as part of phonics and spelling in class. Children will be tested the following Friday, very informally, and these results will not be sent home or reported in front of the whole class. Please help your children to practice at home.

We have been practising our 2, 5 and 10 times tables in year 1 and in year 2 we are also trying hard to learn our 3 times tables. Please continue to practise these at home.

## Prepare for all weathers



Please remember to return wellies to school as soon as possible. As the weather improves it is hoped that we won't need to keep changing our shoes everyday but as we cannot always rely on our Great British weather they still need to be in school Please put wellies on the welly racks outside the classroom.

As the weather improves children may need to bring **sun cream** into school to reapply at lunchtimes. **We are not allowed to apply sun cream** so they will need to be able to do this themselves. Please ensure all bottles are named.

Children will also need a **suitable sunhat**, on really hot days children will not be allowed outside without a hat, we have a few in school they can borrow but children do tend to prefer their own.

**Children are not allowed** to bring sunglasses in to school as they are broken and lost easily and we end up with lots of upset children these are best kept for using at home.

### VIP

Every Friday Mrs Sharp will continue to choose a new child to be the following week's VIP. If your child is chosen please send them into school with their show and tell on Monday as they will have the opportunity to share their favourite things from home, favourite stories, special items to tell us about them on Monday afternoons in a special show and tell session just for them!

The VIP will be at the front of the line each day as well as complete other jobs such as feeding the school fish in the pond.



### Sports Week/ PE

This term we are going to be having a sports week in the run up to our sports day event.

Each afternoon the children will be taking part in different sporting events run by staff promoting sportsmanship.

Children will need to have appropriate sports kits as always to take part in sporting activities including a change of footwear, as everyday school shoes are not suitable for completing sports in. Please check that footwear still fits, we don't want any nasty blisters.

With the weather changing you might want to check that children have suitable summer kit for PE (shorts), along with a jumper for those cooler days.



### WOW Slips



We have had many Wow slips returned this term, it is so wonderful to hear about the things children are achieving at home too. They love sharing these with their classmates and sticking their Wow on our Wow wall. Please continue to send more in. I will attach some more to this letter for you. Don't hesitate to ask if you require more.