



Warlingham Village Primary School's



Class Newsletter

Reception

Summer 2022

Welcome back!

We are zooming through our Summer term already, and have had lots of exciting experiences already!

Themes

For the first half term our theme is **Fairytales**. We will be learning about how a fairytale is structured; exploring all types of characters and settings, all while testing our imaginations to make up our own stories!

In the second half of the term the theme will be **Explorers!** In this time we will consider different types of explorers in history and our own imaginative worlds. We will begin to explore our new classroom for next year and discuss our transition into Year 1.

As part of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, all of the Early Learning Goals are approached and covered through our topics, teacher – led moments and through the children's self-initiated play.

Phonics and Handwriting

Phonics will continue to support children in developing their knowledge and application of letters and sounds. The children will be exposed to different clusters and combinations of sounds to develop their reading ability into our Phase 4 progression of teaching.

Handwriting will continue to be taught and practiced alongside this teaching to support the children in writing words, captions and short sentences. We will revisit our previous phonics skills and utilise these in our writing.



Reading

The children will continue to develop their reading skills and advance through our wide range of literature at an appropriate pace and ability level for them. We will continue to try to listen to children at least once a week, but would really appreciate continued efforts to listen to your children read at home.

Books will still be changed on a Monday. If you feel your child would benefit from remaining on the same text to build up fluency, please leave a note in the reading record stating this. Please note, if no message has been left to indicate your child has read their book it will not be changed.

Write Stuff—Literacy

This term we are using our school literacy scheme 'Write Stuff' to explore new vocabulary linked to our stories. Our Grandma Fantastic (puppet) brings us new words every day such as 'longing, grumbled, uncomfortable' which we try and use as often as we can during the school days. We then have a discussion as a class on how we could use that word in a full sentences, and the best sentence is written up on the wall!



Physical Development

*In addition to the continuous access that the children have to Physical Development equipment, we also have focused whole class sessions for PE, still on Thursdays. This half term our PE topic is **Best of Balls!** where we are learning all sorts of skills with balls—throwing, catching, rolling etc.*

Life Skills

We will continue with our learning through our Jigsaw curriculum. Relationships and Changing Me are our topic titles for this term. We will look at our learning and development in relation to these topical themes to further our learning about ourselves.

Show and Tell

Children can share work, achievements and special moments they are proud of. We use this time to encourage children to develop their speaking and listening skills and find that the more purpose the item or image has, the more meaningful their discussion.

We have now asked the children to not bring in toys/action figures/soft toys—please speak to one of the Early Years Team if one of these items have a special backstory that would make it appropriate for Show and Tell—exceptions will be made on a case by case basis.

Reminders

In Early Years, we do a lot of learning outdoors so we will ask if you can please apply waterproof sun cream every morning before school and send your child in with a sunhat every day. You can put a named bottle of sun cream in your child's bag, if we need to reapply during the day.

Mathematics

Continuing with our Maths Mastery, we are exploring all the number facts that belong to numbers 0-10, including number bonds of 5 and 10, addition, subtraction, doubling etc. We focus on numbers 0-10 predominantly because when we know these number facts we can then apply them easier to larger numbers. We are giving lots of opportunities to rote count past 10, in songs and games. We will also be exploring measurement and 3D shapes this term, while recapping trickier 2D shape names.



Wow moments

We have really enjoyed looking at these so far and would love you to keep them coming in! It is amazing to see how passionate the children are to talk about what they get up to and show off their pictures to the class.

Homework

We are now introducing Take Away Homework - this type of homework is used by the rest of the school. By completing these tasks, the children will become familiar with this routine which is used throughout the higher year groups, getting them used to the transition for Year 1.

Any questions?

If you have any questions or need to speak to us about anything please do not hesitate in coming to see any of the Early Years Team.