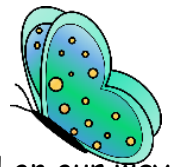




Butterfly and Bumblebee Class Newsletter January 2023



The children have settled well after a busy and exciting holiday and we are well on our way to learning about our new topics and themes. Just a reminder to please ensure the children come prepared for outdoor learning with a coat, hat and gloves.

Literacy - We are continuing with the Little Wandle Phonics Programme. This term the children will be learning digraphs (2 letters that make 1 sounds) and trigraphs (3 letter that make 1 sound)

ai, igh, oa, ee, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, er.

The sounds are now getting harder and the children will need extra practise to remember previously taught sounds and new ones. Please ensure that you complete the weekly homework to support them with this.

We will be encouraging the children to use these sounds in their writing and develop their ability to think of simple sentences to write.

Log into the Little Wandle parent's page where you will find weekly planning and tips of how you can help.

There is a link on the school website.

Maths - We will be focusing on doubling numbers e.g. find doubles using dominoes, double the spots on a ladybird. We will also be solving problems using doubling e.g. the animals are hungry double the amount of food for them.

We will be exploring numbers 9 and 10. Counting accurate amounts, adding and taking away amounts from them using a number line and exploring number bonds.



This term the children will be moving onto apparatus during P.E.

For safety reasons it is important that the children wear the correct PE clothing of shorts and t-shirts (no legging or joggers please) and have long hair tied back.

Reading - The phonics programme is getting more complex and the children are expected to remember and read words with an increasing variety of graphemes. They will need additional practise at school and home. Please ensure that you are reading with the children at least 3 times in the week and note this in their reading diary.



Please bring your Book Bag every day

Our topic is Communities around the World. We will be learning about Antarctica, Chinese New Year and Kenya. We will read and talk about the environment, who lives there, traditions, how they live, and animals native to the counties and food they eat.

We will focus on non-fiction books and look at maps and globes. We will compare what we have learned about the different countries with where we live.



Please ask if you have any questions or queries,

The Reception Team