

# Jeffers Class Spring Newsletter Term 4

Welcome back to Jeffers Class!

I hope you have had a wonderful and restful Half term!

Class teachers: Mrs Robinson (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday afternoon and Friday)

Mrs Roberts (Wednesday and Thursday morning)

## Our curriculum...What can we invent?

At our school our curriculum is focussed around a big, philosophical question which encompasses history, geography, art and D.T. The question for the second half of the spring term is 'What can we invent?' We shall be using this question to access the key EYFS learning in development matters, our early learning goals and school curriculum in an exciting and challenging way. This term our focus begins with design and technology as we learn more about textiles, design and making. We begin by looking at weather in geography and what clothing is suitable for the 4 seasons. Our learning then goes onto thinking about clothing and dismantling clothing. We shall focus on cutting skills, joining, designing and evaluating our work.

In maths this term we will be starting off with height and length and comparing sizes. Then we move onto finding totals and introduce the concept of subtraction. We will be doing mass and capacity and patterns in 3D shapes. We will also introduce number bonds to 10.

Our phonics will begin with consolidating the set 2 sounds. We are starting our red ditty books to work on applying phonics in writing and reading. The sound shelf continues to be really helpful in reinforcing these sounds as we introduce the set 3 sounds. Our daily phonics sessions, reading, segmenting, blending and decoding continue. We will be reinforcing the set 2 sounds and learning set 3 sounds. In English we look at wonderful stories and incorporate drama and speaking and listening into the retelling of these books. The texts are linked to our connections and topics.

Our science topic is 'uses of materials' in our journey through this learning we shall be sorting, classifying, describing and looking at the properties of materials. This will link to our connections topic as we think about the use of fabric for appropriate clothing.

Our weekly outdoor education sessions with Mrs Roberts continue this term, she does a wonderful job supporting our curriculum with fun and meaningful outdoor learning activities. This will include maths, our big question, writing and art. This will be every Wednesday please can children come to school in indoor footwear and bring their wellies for outside.

Mrs Roberts also delivers the R.E. which asks the big question *Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?* Here we will be looking at what the Bible says about the last days of Jesus' ministry on Earth, from Palm Sunday to Jesus' resurrection.

In PSHE's Jigsaw Piece Healthy Me, children will learn about their bodies and the names of some key parts, as well as how to stay healthy. They will talk about food and that some foods are healthier than others; the importance of sleep; hand washing; how medicines must be used safely to help if they feel poorly.

In computing this term, we will continue with learning about directions and experiment with programming a Bee-Bot.

## Homework

Mathletics and reading eggs are available each week for you to go on and work on these vital skills. It is such a great way to support your child and I hope you continue to log on at home and enjoy doing this. Please remember to record your home reading in the reading diaries.

The homework menu will come out and your child can choose a minimum of two activities to complete this term and then bring in as and when you would like. Thankyou for all your brilliant work last term. Your projects are now on display in the school hall.

## SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2pm

Parent and child reading and craft session in the school hall.

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## Reminders

**Outdoor Education** is every Wednesday. Please make sure they are wearing suitable clothing for outdoor activities, especially this winter. Long sleeved tops and trousers are essential and please send n waterproofs and wellingtons each week.

**P.E....**Children will be on a Friday children will come to school in their P.E. kit on a Friday and we will be doing dance and be using the trim trail.

**Tapestry** It is so wonderful to see what you are up to at home and the children love sharing this with their classmates. This helps with speaking and listening and growing confidence.

We really value the relationship between parent and teacher and am here to support you with your child's learning. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Roberts.

