



Jeffers Class Autumn Newsletter Term 1

Welcome to Jeffers Class!

We hope you had a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to starting your child's school journey with them and have a fun and busy term ahead. We have loved the first week of getting to know your children in the classroom and finding out their likes and dislikes.

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

Our curriculum.....What makes me, me?

At our school our curriculum is focussed around a big, philosophical question which encompasses history, geography, art and D.T. The question this term is 'What makes me, me?' we shall be using this question to access our early learning goals and school curriculum in a very creative and exciting way. In history we are thinking about the past and our own history and timeline. We will be asking for baby photos so the children can think about their life and that of their families. We will be investigating how the children have developed and grown physically.

The first part of this term will very much focus on settling the children into school and making sure they are happy at school. We will be writing our class rules together, taking turns, sharing, playing co-operatively and using the classroom and resources effectively. We will be completing fine motor activities to develop the children's hand grip for writing. We shall also be beginning our phonics journey and will start looking at sounds over the next week.

In our weekly outdoor education sessions with Mr Pasqualino we shall be using our school grounds to enhance our learning, we will be looking at seasonal change and using natural materials each week for a set task. This will be every **Wednesday**.

Other things happening within our curriculum are, using the iPads to take photos and make collages, lots of reading, maths, junk modelling, role play, dressing up, outdoor games, art and design and MUCH MORE! In science our topic is ourselves and we shall be labelling our body parts and exploring our senses. In computing we are using the school iPads and familiarising ourselves with them, taking photographs and using simple programs on the. Our R.E. is all about understanding who and what is important to different groups of people. We will be looking at the different of Christianity, Hinduism and Islam. We will learn what these groups believe and what places are special to them such as Churches, Mosques and Temples.

Homework

Our phonics will begin in the next week and we will work in our class group learning phonemes to begin reading. We have sent home reading books. To start with they have no words just pictures and your child will tell the story through the pictures. We are really excited about reading in school.

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 we hope you log on at home and enjoy doing this. Logins will be stuck inside your communication books very soon. Any problems with log in then please see one of us.

The homework menu will come out and your child can choose two activities to complete this term and then bring in week commencing Monday 17th October.

Reminders

Outdoor Education is every Wednesday. Please make sure your child is wearing suitable clothing for outdoor activities, especially as the weather gets colder.

P.E..... The children will come to school in their P.E. kit on a **Friday** and we will be doing outdoor games this term.

Tapestry We will share the children's learning through tapestry. We are equally very grateful for your uploads and love to see what the children are doing at home too. Show and Tell is being done through tapestry so please upload your child's treasures for them to talk about in class. 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 us.

Book bags

Please can you make the book bags recognisable to the children. Please tie ribbon, a keyring or something on so they recognise their book bag. Thanks

Parent workshops

We are very much looking forward to having you into school to introduce you to the reception curriculum in more detail. We plan to have a workshop for parents towards the end of this term. More information to follow.