

Summer 1 newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer term is always an exciting time for all of us; we look back to where we started and look forward to making more progress in the few remaining months ahead. Attendance therefore plays a crucial role in the learning of the children. We aim for 100% attendance for all of the children because so much learning happens each day and it is difficult for children to progress when there are gaps in their learning due to several days of absence. Did you know that if a child has 96% attendance he/she has missed about 8 days of learning in a year? 90% attendance means that 4 weeks of learning will have been missed in a year. Below 90% attendance means that more than a month of learning will have been missed in a year. If a child continues to have attendance that is continually below 84% by year 6 he/she would have missed a whole year of learning. Attendance matters and contributes towards your child progressing in his or her learning. We hope with your support we will continue to do the best for the children to achieve their learning potential.

Parent/ teacher meetings

Parent and teacher meetings will begin again this term. An appointment time will be given for you to spend time (about 15 minutes) in your child's class to see how he/ she is learning. During that time the teacher will **briefly** discuss your child's learning. If you cannot make the allotted time given an alternative time can be arranged.

Year three will be basing our learning from the book **'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne**. Overleaf, you will see how the subjects link to this book and what your child will be learning. There are also suggestions as to how to help your child at home, as this is all part of working together.

Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Seal– Mrs M Parkes	Mrs Javed
Penguin– Miss Akhtar	
Polar Bear– Mrs Bloor	Miss Ghani (1-1)
Wolf- Mrs Foster/ Mrs Petkar	Mrs Khalifa (1-1)

Reminders:

- PE lessons for **Polar Bear class and Seal class** are every **Tuesday afternoon**. A full PE kit includes: a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts or jogging bottoms and plimsolls for indoor, and a plain tracksuit and trainers for outdoor P.E. sessions. Earrings and watches must be removed for Health and Safety reasons. Long hair must be tied back.
- Swimming for **Penguin class and Wolf class** only will be every **Tuesday afternoon**; a voluntary contribution of £2.50 will be collected each week. Earrings must be removed and long hair tied back.
- Library books can be changed regularly on Monday and Friday lunchtimes by the children.

Home Learning

Children will be given a list of activities from which they need to choose one each week. The tasks can be completed in any order and returned to school on **Wednesday** and books will be handed back on **Friday**. Teachers expect all children to complete the tasks to the best of their ability and maintain high standards of presentation at all times.

In addition, we expect that children will continue to do the following:

- **Read every day** at home as it is very important for your child to succeed at school. Please check that your child has read by signing their reading record.
- **Learn all of the times tables**

We continue to thank you for supporting and partnering with us in the learning of your children.

English Comments:

This term the book 'The Tunnel' will be the basis for the children's learning in English. They will read and answer questions about the text to deepen their understanding. They will be introduced to suspense stories and what makes a good one; with the aim of writing their own. They will also use role play and construct arguments to justify reasons for the behaviour of characters within the story.

Maths Comments:

The children will continue to learn and secure their knowledge of their times tables. The children will revisit money to secure their understanding of counting larger amounts. They will also add amounts together and calculate the change. They will cover measurement this term, looking at length, capacity and weight. They will also look at time, calculating the duration of events in hours or minutes.

Science Comments:

The children will learn about the concept of Light this term. They will learn that light is reflected from surfaces so that we can see objects. They will recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and ways to protect their eyes. They will investigate shadows, learning how they are formed and how they change.

Computing Comments: This term the

children will be word processing (typing). They will learn the correct way to sit at the keyboard and how to use the home, top and bottom row keys. They will practice the keys typed with the left and right hand.

The Tunnel by Anthony

Browne

Geography & History Comments:

In History, the children will continue to explore the Romans, as they learn about how they protected their empire with the example of Hadrian's Wall. They will also explain what life was like during Roman Britain.

How to help your child at home:

Read with your child every day; asking them questions about the story and how they are performing in the Accelerated Reader tests.
Help your child to learn and practise all of their times tables to develop their rapid recall skills.
See your child's teacher if you need further help.

PE Comments: This term the children will

have Football with trained Luton Town coaches and Circuit Training. These activities will improve their stamina, agility and coordination skills. They will also develop teamwork. In addition, the children will have a weekly swimming lesson every Wednesday.

Art & DT Comments:

In Art this term, they will use their study of the Romans to design and create mosaics. Firstly, the children will look at examples Roman mosaics to gather ideas, then plan their own, make then evaluate them.

PSHE/Circle Time Comments: This term the

value is Resilience. The children will explore their feelings associated with our school values. The aim is to develop a greater sense of co-operation and build community in their class and the wider school through circle time and PSHE games. Please take the time to discuss the values and what they mean with your child.

Music Comments:

The children will continue to have an exciting opportunity to learn a variety of musical instruments, with an experienced musician from the Luton Music Service.