

Butterfly Class Term 1 Newsletter

Dates for your diary:

Monday 5th September -
School begins (finishes at 12pm)

WB: Monday 12th September - School Day
ends at 1pm

WB: 19th September -
Children move to full day
attendance

Monday 3rd October -
Individual and family
photos

Wednesday 5th/Thursday 6th October - Parent
Consultations

Thursday 13th October -
Flu Immunisations
Yrs R-6

Friday 14th October -
Challenge Day

Friday 21st October -
Last Day of Term/ Non
School Uniform Day (£1
Donation/ Homework
WOW Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello from Butterfly Class!

Firstly, I would to say how lovely it has been to see the children start to build lots of new friendships this week and come into school happy each morning. They are adjusting well to the school routine and are becoming more confident every day.



Our topic for this term is 'Let's Explore!'. This means the children will be discussing and exploring their local community – including their school, their homes and the people that are important to them. They will also be developing the use of their senses and positional language while exploring the world around them, such as by creating maps and taking part in treasure hunts.

As part of this Topic, we will be reading texts such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen, 'In Every House, On Every Street' by Jess Hitchman, and 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' by John Burningham.

As this is their first term at school, the children will also be focusing on learning the daily structure and behaviour expectations in the school environment. As part of this, a key focus will be on the wellbeing of the children as they experience different emotions during their transition into Butterfly class and begin to develop strong relationships with peers and class

adults. Later in the term, the children will also begin to learn their initial Level Two phonics sounds using the Twinkl scheme, supporting them with their early reading and writing skills.

PE

Butterfly Class will have PE on a Thursday and Friday during Term 1. Please ensure that your child's PE Kit is in school on the relevant day and that their name is written on their kit.

Reading Books

Once your child begins attending school full time, we will be issuing reading books to go home. **Books will be issued on a Tuesday and are to be returned on a Friday so that they can be changed.**

Please ensure that you write a comment in your child's reading record before you return the books each week as they cannot be changed without this.

Home Learning Books

Home learning books will be **given out on Friday 16th September**. These will contain a grid of activities with the child selecting one activity for each week. An image of the completed activity then needs to be emailed to the class teacher by the following Friday at C.Hughes@teynham.kent.sch.uk.

At the end of the term, children are free to bring in their homework as part of our **'Homework WOW Day' on Friday 21st October** and celebrate the wonderful work they have produced at home.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at c.hughes@teynham.kent.sch.uk. We look forward to working with you over the next academic year!

Kind Regards,

Miss Hughes, Miss Brown & Miss Risbridger.