

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 20th Sept -
Phonics for parents

Friday 22nd - Harvest
Festival

Monday 1st Oct - School
photos

Wed 4th/Thurs 5th - Parent
consultations

Friday 20th - Wonder
learning walk (Last day of
term) & Non-Uniform Day



Butterfly Class Term 1 Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I would firstly like to let you know how well the children have settled into their new class. They are coping extremely well with the routine of school life and it has been lovely to see friendships blossoming and their confidence shining through already.

Our topic for term 1 is 'Me & My Community'. Your child will learn about the school community and building friendships. They will explore the school grounds and find out about all the people in school who are there to help them. They will explore how they are special and unique and how everyone's family is different.

They will take part in practical activities to support them to build new friendships and explore what makes a good friend. They will also find out about people in the community who help us, including doctors, nurses, and the emergency services.

During this term the children will be learning the basic routines and behaviour codes that are expected within the school. We will also begin teaching Phonics using our Twinkl programme. They will be taught the letter sounds and formation, along with the process of identifying sounds in words to begin blending for reading and segmenting for writing.

We will also be using the school grounds to observe the changes that take place through Autumn. We will be going on frequent welly walks and as part of the Early Years provision the children are able to explore the outdoors come rain or shine.

When your child begins full time, we will be issuing reading books to go home. Once they have read the book you can place it in the 'Change Me' box in the mornings at the classroom door. Please ensure it has been signed (with any additional comments) to say the book has been read. We cannot change any books unless there is a signature. It is vital for your child's literacy development that you listen to your child read as often as possible at home.

Butterfly class will have PE on a Tuesday morning. Please ensure your child's PE kit is named and they have plimsolls. Please also note that earrings are not to be worn to school on PE days.

At the start of each term your child will be given a home learning sheet with different activities to choose from (1 per week). This is to be completed at home and will be given out next Friday. The home learning is set to support your child's learning from school, so it is important that they have the opportunity to complete this and return it on time. Home Learning books will be sent home on a Friday and need to be returned the following Thursday.

If you have anything further you wish to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to write a note in your child's reading record, via email; k.mason@teynham.kent.sch.uk or alternatively you can pop in and talk to anyone of us here. We look forward to working with you all over the next academic year!

Kind Regards

Miss Mason, Miss Brown & Miss Lilliot