

# Dormouse Class Newsletter 2025 – Term 1



Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a super summer holiday and are ready for a fun term of learning! We have really enjoyed meeting and getting to know the children during the first week of term. All of the children have returned to school with a really positive attitude to their learning, which has been fantastic to see.

Our topic this term is '**Wonderful Me, Wonderful World**'. During this topic we will celebrate ourselves and each other, look at our similarities and differences and think about what makes us special. In our **Science** topic, 'Human Senses' we will learn that humans are a type of animal known as a mammal. The children will name and count body parts and identify similarities and differences. They will learn about the senses, the body parts associated with each sense and their role in keeping us safe. Our **Geography** topic 'Our Wonderful World' will teach the children about physical and human features, maps, cardinal compass points, and positional and directional language. They will learn about the equator, hemispheres and continents and are introduced to the countries, capital cities and settlements of the United Kingdom. The children will carry out simple fieldwork to find out about local physical and human features. In **English** we will link our writing to our Science and Geography topics, labelling and writing captions for diagrams and pictures.

In **Maths** we will be sorting and counting objects, counting on from any number and counting back from 10, comparing numbers using the correct symbols and using number lines.

In **P.E.** this term we will be taking part in Fitness activities and playing games to help us develop our teamwork and turn taking skills. The children will have P.E. lessons twice a week, on **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child has a full, named P.E. kit in school. For health and safety reasons, children wearing earrings will not be able to participate in P.E. lessons, so please ensure earrings are removed on our P.E days.

**Reading at Home:** This term we are prioritising reading and would like you to read at home with your child every evening. Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home. There are two types of reading book that your child will bring home:

**Reading practice book** - This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently. This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

**Sharing book** - Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together. In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together. Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

Please ensure that your child's reading books are in their book bag and brought to school every day. This is vital as we will be reading with your child at school throughout the week.

## Diary Dates

- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September Childhood Flu Vaccination Yr R-6
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September Individual photos and family groups
- Parent consultations Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 3:30-6:00, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 3:30-6:00
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Service 9:00am
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October Black History Week
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October Non-uniform day £1:00 donation
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 End of term 1

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Thomas, Mrs Wickham, Ms Muzaita and Mrs Brown