

7th September 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a good summer break.



Taw Class teachers:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons: Mrs Rogers

Wednesday morning, Thursday & Friday: Mrs Phillips

Mrs Burridge, our Teaching Assistant, will be with us regularly throughout the week.

Taw class will have PE support from Achieve 4 All.

Ms Kent-Smith will be leading our Forest School sessions on Monday afternoon.

Mrs Buckley will teach music to the class on a Wednesday morning.



Our Curriculum in Taw:

Our overarching class topic this term will be '*CELEBRATIONS*'. Much of the work the children do will reflect this. In **English**, **KS1** will be developing their grammatical and sentence skills to create longer pieces of writing. **EYFS** will be developing their speaking and listening skills, as well as their phonetical understanding. Children's comprehension skills will be fundamental through all our subjects and texts that we read together. Some key text that we will be using: Kipper's Birthday, The Colour Monster, Oliver's vegetables, Wow said the Owl, How to catch a Star and The Snowman.

In **Maths** we will be developing children's number sense and place value. They will be learning to apply their use of number through calculations, through using money and measurements.

In **Science**, we will be exploring materials. **EYFS** will develop their exploration and investigation skills, while **KS1** will be learning about types of materials, testing and developing their scientific skills.

Developing our children's **personal, social and emotional skills** are vital to help them learn, identify and manage their feelings, think about how they can be a good friend and the importance of being kind. We will be focusing on our physical health and mental well-being. We will encourage children to keep themselves safe and manage risks affectively.

In **Geography & History** we will be learning about London and key features. We will celebrate Remembrance Day, Bonfire night, Divali and Christmas.

In **Art and Design Technology** we will be exploring how structures are made and how to make things stronger. Our artist this term will be pop artist, Andy Warhol, exploring different printmaking techniques.

In **RE** we will be exploring 'Who Christians say made the world' and 'What it means to belong to a faith community'.

We will be having **Forest School** every Monday afternoon so please ensure your child has spare clothes to change into, appropriate to the weather!

Show and tell:

'Show and tell' time is traditionally an important time for developing the speaking and listening skills of children. Due to continuing Covid restrictions, we will unfortunately have to discourage children from bringing toys or items of interest into share with us, however, please feel free to email either of us with photos of something your child has done so we can display these on the whiteboard for everyone to see and for your child to talk about.



Reading:

Thank you to those who have read with your children over the holiday and shared books together. **Reading with your children is one of the most important ways you can support their learning in the Early Years & Key Stage 1.** As a parent/carer it is an expectation that you will hear your child read, or read with them, at least four times a week. It really makes a huge difference if reading regularly takes place at home. Children in reception upwards will have a decodable book to practise their phonics skills alongside a 'book of interest' to share with you. Please make a note of this in the yellow reading diary. Your comments are relevant at whatever level your child is currently reading at.

Home Learning:

YR: this term we will focus on spelling/letter recognition, handwriting/motor skills and number skills, alongside their regular reading.

Key Stage 1: children will have a Home Learning book with activities linked to current or future work. We will send work home on Fridays starting next week.

Tapestry:

We are continuing to use 'Tapestry' to keep you informed of your child's progress and activities that they have done. Although the new EYFS reforms says that we don't 'have' to do so many regular observations, we are fortunate to have a small class so we will continue to update this for all children, throughout the week, as we feel it is beneficial to our communication with you. Please add your own comments and observations of what your child has done at home.

We will always endeavour to be available if you have anything you would like to talk about regarding your child in Taw class, however big or small. Please also contact us via email.

We are looking forward to another rewarding year working with the children and you in Taw class.

Kind regards

Rosy Phillips

Stacey Rogers

Denise Burridge