



# Class 1 & 2 Newsletter

SUMMER 2009

## **WELCOME BACK!**

We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. This newsletter, like the one given last term, will keep you informed of what your children will be involved in over the coming months as well as some helpful reminders.

## **TOPICS**

During the course of each half-term we will be covering two topics. Here is a brief overview of what we intend to cover in each topic.

### **ALL ABOUT ME**

Doctors surgery, keeping healthy, self-portraits, baby photos and using the senses. As part of our work on living things we shall continue with our planting, caring for plants, investigating growth and change. The children have really enjoyed their work in the outdoor area.

### **CLOTHES**

Clothes shop and fashion shows, clothes around the world, exploring materials and patterns, weaving and fabric painting.

### **MINIBEASTS**

Hopefully a visit to Wicken Fen, examining the environmental area within school, caring for living things, life-cycles, using reference books, sculpture and clay work.

### **JOURNEYS**

Being prepared, asking for help, postcards, fantasy journeys, using maps and giving/taking directions.

## **READING & WRITING**

Once again, thank you for your continuing hard work with helping the children with their blending, segmenting and tricky words. Word boxes will continue to be sent home for the children to practice.



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## **P. E. DAYS**

☺ Class 1 -  
Tuesdays and  
Fridays.

☺ Class 2 -  
Tuesdays and  
Wednesdays.

## **BOOK BAGS**

☺ Class 1 & Class  
2 Every day  
please, but  
especially  
Fridays.

## **MATHEMATICAL DEVELOPMENT**

Areas of Mathematical Development that we shall be covering this term include; ordering and writing numbers up to 20 (then beyond); counting; time; capacity and problem solving. We shall also continue with our work on basic addition and subtraction.

### **Helping at Home**

Please continue to practice counting to, and back from 20, as well as beyond if possible. If your child is finding this easy, you could begin to practice doubling numbers with them i.e. one butterfly has two wings, how many wings will three butterflies have. You may enjoy making symmetrical patterns with paint, Lego, pegs etc.

You could help your child think mathematically with practical problems around the home, for instance, we have two forks on the table, how many more do

## **SCHOOL TRIP**

Hopefully on July 2nd we shall be going to Wicken Fen. This occurs during our topic on mini-beasts. At Wicken Fen we will have the opportunity to go pond dipping, visit the boardwalk trail and examine mini-beasts in closer detail. We would be grateful for a voluntary contribution of £8.40 to cover the cost of the trip. If insufficient parents are prepared to contribute, we reserve the right to cancel the trip.

## **PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

During the latter part of this summer term we shall be taking our PE lessons outside. Please ensure that your child's P.E kit still fits them and we shall let you know nearer the time when the children will require shoes for outdoor wear. We are focusing on basic games skills over the coming term, the children will be learning lots of new language and how to safely use all the PE equipment and apparatus. After the half term break we will commence our swimming lessons in the school pool.

## **...and finally**

This term both classes will be presenting a class assembly for parents. The children will prepare for this in school. Class 1's assembly will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Class 2's assembly will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. Both will commence at 9.05am.

Every Wednesday Morning Foundation Teachers are released for PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time. Mrs Dingwall will continue to teach Class 2 during this time. In class 1 Mrs Taylor and Mrs Kirby share the morning.

Once again we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support. The partnership between home and school is very important.

If you would like to discuss anything concerning your child, please feel welcome to come see us after the school day.

Many thanks