



Minnows Newsletter – Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. We hope that you have all enjoyed a well-deserved break and are ready to embark on a new school year. We are really looking forward to getting to know all the children and beginning our learning journey together in Minnows class.

This term our Topic will be **Heroes**. Up until half term we will be learning about real-life heroes with a history focus on Florence Nightingale. Not only will the children be building their knowledge about a well-known figure from the past, they will also be developing linked skills such as using timelines to understand chronology, gathering new information using different sources and beginning to understand how people can change the course of history. We will also be looking at the more recent past and talking about the role of the NHS. Our science unit is materials and exciting experiments will include testing out the best material to make a superhero cape.

PE will be on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. Children will need to come to school in PE kit on these days.

Please ensure that jumpers, cardigans, sweatshirts and coats are all clearly named. Trying to match a class of children to their own article of clothing can be really difficult!

Homework:

It is vital that children are reading every day at home (for about 15 minutes) and this should be logged in their reading record. This does not always need to be their school reading book but please ensure that you still sign the record. The reading records will be checked every Friday and we would expect to see a minimum of 4 adult signatures across the week. There is an incentive of an extra 10 minutes play time for this. Please include any relevant comments if necessary and we will respond where appropriate. **Reading books are changed on a Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child's reading record and book is in school every day.**

Once we have completed initial assessments we will also be sending home tricky words and common exception words for your child to learn to either read or spell.

Children may bring in their own pencil case, however please ensure that these are a suitable size for the classroom and that they only contain a pencil, rubber, sharpener, ruler and colouring pencils. All of these items are available for the children to use at school and it is worth mentioning that individual pencil cases can sometimes be a distraction! The children are responsible for looking after their pencil case should you choose to send one in.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see either of us on the playground before or after school. Alternatively, please contact the office if you would like to arrange a meeting.

Kindest Regards,

Miss Weetch
(Wednesday/Thursday/Friday)

Mrs Hatch
(Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday am)

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<i>Topic</i>	<i>Heroes</i>
English	Fantasy narrative – Writing a superhero character profile Poetry – Shape poems Instructions – Writing recipes Traditional stories Daily phonics and reading
Maths	Place Value Addition and Subtraction Shape
Science	Materials Living things and their habitats
Geography	The United Kingdom – characteristics and weather
RE	Special Places -Christianity: Harvest/Advent -Islam: First Mosques -Judaism: Sukkot
Computing	Computing Systems Data and Information
Art	Van Gogh Watercolour Painting
PSHE	Me and my relationships Valuing differences Growth mindset
PE	Gymnastics and Games
Music	Hey you! Pulse. Pitch and Rhythm