

UNICORN CLASS

Term 3 and term 4 NEWSLETTER



Welcome back!

Happy New Year to everyone! It's been lovely to welcome the children back to school after lots of fun in the Christmas holidays.

Thank you for your support in the Autumn term which has given the children such a successful start to their schooling. If you have any questions, do speak to me on the door after school on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

If you have any queries, please email my school address at:

alice.padden@frenchayprimary.org.uk

Thank you

Notices

PE We will now be doing PE twice a week. Children need to come into school in their PE kits on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Please wear appropriate kit depending on the weather.

Phonics and Reading

This term we have changed our phonics scheme. We will be sending information out soon regarding our new phonics and the changes that will occur.

Seesaw

In Unicorn class we use Seesaw. The adults and children occasionally use Seesaw to share any learning that they have done in class. It is child friendly, and they can upload pictures independently. Please continue to use Seesaw by uploading pictures and comments of any exciting things your child gets up to at home. We love to see them and like to share them with the class.

Junk modelling

The children have loved using the junk modelling to create models. We are always in need of junk modelling so if you ever have any boxes or tubes, we could make good use of them!

Waterproofs and wellies

Please ensure your child always has a pair of waterproofs and wellies in school. The children wear these in our outside area when it is a wet and muddy day and when they do their outdoor learning lesson with Mrs Stayt.

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT?

Our topics for term 3 is **'Explorers!'**, focussing on local learning to start with (Frenchay, Bristol) and then exploring the polar regions and winter. Within these topics we will develop our historical understanding by looking at toys, clothes and transport in the past and comparing it to now. We will then develop our scientific knowledge when looking at winter and freezing and melting.

LITERACY



Our key text for term 3 is 'Lost and Found'

Read and re-read a selection of books, developing fluency, understanding and enjoyment

Retell and know the story of 'Lost and Found'

Phonics

Children will read all phase 2 and phase 3 sounds, including qu, ch, th, sh, ng, nk.

Children will blend known sounds in words.

Children will know all phase 2 and phase 3 tricky words.

Children will begin to correctly form all letters of the alphabet, starting and ending in the correct place

Children will know how to write CVC/CVCC words, such as 'cat' and 'ship'

MATHS

Introducing 0

Comparing numbers to 5

Composition of 4 and 5

Comparing mass and capacity

Learning about 6, 7, 8

Making pairs

Combining 2 groups

Length and height

Time

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Children will continue to develop their fine motor skills to support handwriting, using cutlery and tools such as scissors. Please continue to support with this at home by encouraging them to use a knife and fork

PE/gross motor skills – ball skills and dance

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

RE - We will be learning about 'Which places are special and why'

Exploring images and objects of the past and identifying similarities and differences.

Exploring maps and identifying key areas on a map – Bristol, Frenchay, our school

Explore and understanding freezing and melting

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We will continue to talk about and recognise feelings. We will begin to think about others and how our actions can affect those around us.

In our Jigsaw PSHE lessons we will be talking about our dreams and goals

Children will know how regular teeth brushing is important for their health.

EYFS Wish List

In EYFS we set up provocations. Provocations are items or activities that inspire, create interest and foster a hunger to find out or try something new. Most provocations are themed to our topic, child's interest or to practise a skill. We are setting up a wish list. We are not asking anyone to go out and purchase anything but if you have any of the following at home and you are willing to donate them, we can make very good use of them.

- Dolls clothes
- Small table cloth
- Old tea pots
- Wooden cable reels
- Cardboard boxes or tubes for junk modelling