

Kirkstead Class Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome back to Term 5! We are delighted to begin a brand-new term together, especially as the warmer weather starts to arrive. To help the children enjoy their time outdoors comfortably, please ensure they come to school with a named sun hat, and apply sun cream before they arrive in the morning. We have an exciting term ahead, and here is a look at what the children will be learning.

Our Topic: Heroes!



This term, the children will be exploring the theme of heroes. They will begin by thinking about who they see as their own heroes, before learning about the important people who help them in their community every day.

Understanding the World



The children will be learning all about their bodies. They will be naming different body parts and discovering what each one helps them to do. The children will also be exploring their five senses through hands-on activities, investigations, and play. This will help them understand how their senses work together to help them explore, notice, and make sense of the world around them.

Religious Education



The children will be learning that some places and objects are very special to people of different faiths. They will explore what makes these places important and notice that sacred spaces can look quite different, even though they all hold deep meaning for the people who use them. The children will also talk about the places that feel special to them and why. They will begin to find out more about places that are important in different religions, with opportunities to learn from Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh worldviews.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development



The children are focusing on building positive friendships. They will be exploring what makes a good friend, learning simple ways to solve friendship problems, and celebrating their own achievements as well as those of their friends. This helps the children grow in confidence, kindness, and pride as they develop these important skills.

Expressive Arts & Design



The children will be learning about healthy eating and will have the chance to make their own salad. They will also enjoy plenty of opportunities to explore a range of materials and express their creativity through our classroom provision.

In music, the children will be experimenting with beat and rhythm, using body percussion to create patterns and sounds.

Reading and Phonics



The children will continue their daily phonics sessions, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow over the last term.

This term, they will continue to bring home a new decodable book every Friday, and we kindly ask that books are returned each Friday so they can be changed.

Please remember to record all reading in your child's Home School Record. Daily reading earns dojo points, which will go towards the dojo shop in July.

Alongside their phonics book, children will continue to bring home a *sharing book* on Mondays and Wednesdays—perfect for enjoying together. They are also welcome to choose a favourite story from home if they prefer.

Mathematics



The children will continue practising their subitising skills, learning to recognise small quantities without counting. They'll also work on visualising numbers by looking at patterns on dice and 10-frames and talking about what they notice. Alongside

this, the children will explore how numbers up to 10 relate to each other through games and practical activities. Using number tracks, they'll compare which numbers are bigger or smaller and practise counting on from different starting points. These experiences help them build a strong sense of number and develop their own mental number line. They will also be exploring 3-D shapes.

Forest School



This term in Forest School, the children will continue to enjoy their outdoor learning on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon. Our focus will be on exploring and celebrating the wonderful world around us. We will be investigating natural materials, comparing them with

man-made objects, noticing the changes happening in nature, and discovering simple ways we can all help to look after our planet.

P.E.



PE continues to take place every Tuesday with JB Coaching. The topic this term will be ball control and team games. Please send your child to school in their named PE kit. Unless they are attending Multi-sports Club, children are expected to change back into their school uniform afterwards—please ensure their uniform and shoes are in school and clearly named.

Curriculum Information

Further information about our school curriculum is available on the school website. This includes key policies, each subject's intent, how learning progresses across year groups and medium-term plans outlining the rationale of "why this, why now". Please visit the curriculum section for full and up-to-date details.

Homework

Thank you for all the support you give your children with their learning at home. Homework will continue to be sent home each Friday in their homework folder, and we welcome it back anytime up to the following Thursday. We really appreciate your help in building these routines and celebrating the children's growing independence..

Drop Off & Pick Up

If someone different will be collecting your child, please let us know.

Looking Ahead

We are looking forward to a wonderful Summer term ahead. The children are already showing such enthusiasm and confidence in their learning, and we are excited to see them continue to shine as the term unfolds. Thank you for your continued support—it makes such a difference and helps us create a happy, successful term for everyone.

Kind Regards, Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Allitt, Miss Haines & Mrs Darici