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Unicorn Newsletter – Term 1, 2018
Muck, Mess and Mixtures

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and are ready for the new term. We have got many exciting things happening in the Infants this term as part of our new topic 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures.' We had a fantastic time on Thursday making lots of mess.

Activities planned across the curriculum will include:

English:

- Writing Recipes
- Writing Poetry

Science:

- Exploring everyday materials- mixing these with water
- Exploring changes in state
- Food tasting

Art and Design:

- Creating food landscapes
- Ice cube painting

Design and Technology:

- Making ice-cream
- Making and exploring dough

Phonics

The Unicorns are lucky enough to have Mrs Faulkner joining them for phonics every day. The children will be grouped according to phonics ability. They will learn new phonemes and use these to read real and monster words, write real words both in isolation as well as in sentences.

RE

In RE, the children will be looking at the big question: Is everybody special? Children will think about what makes them special, explore the Bible stories: The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin and then learn about Baptism.



PE

The children will be taking part in PE on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Please make sure that your child has a **named** P.E. kit in school for these sessions. It would be useful to have a pair of jogging bottoms and a long sleeved top for colder weather. Hair should be tied up for these sessions. Children who wear tights need to have a pair of socks in their PE bag. If your child has laces, please encourage them to practise tying these at home.

Spelling and Maths Homework

Homework will be set on **Tuesdays**, and needs to be returned by the following **Monday** for marking.

Homework will consist of spellings to learn through an activity and a Maths activity online.

The children will have a spelling homework folder that will need to be returned each week (into the blue box in the cloakroom) so the next homework can be placed in it.

Children will be tested on their spellings from their homework every Monday. Results from the spellings will be sent home with their next homework.

This year the school are changing the Maths online homework further details to follow in the next few weeks.

Spelling homework will be sent home on Tuesday 11th September and Maths will be set in due course.

Topic Homework

Thank you for all the wonderful pieces of topic homework which has already been brought in. The children will be given the opportunity to share their homework with the class over the next few weeks. It will put on display for the parents open morning on Wednesday 17th October at 8.50am.

Year 1 Aprons

Please could you provide your child with a named apron (or an old large t-shirt or shirt), which they can use for art lessons. The sooner these are provided the sooner we can get messy!

Reading

On Tuesday, your child will be sent home with two books to read ready to start our new reading challenge. These books should be read twice and parent comments should be written into the reading diaries.

When reading, please ask your children questions about the text. E.g. Who is the main character? What did 'input character's name' do in the story? How did it make you feel when 'input event' happened? If you are unsure of what questions to ask please see a member of the Infant team.

It is useful for staff if the comment includes how you child has read, any words which they struggled with and how well they understood the text. If your child's books need changing, these need to put on the side first thing where it says 'please change my books.'

Please can I ask that only two key rings maximum on your child's book bags?

Keep your eyes open for the reading challenge letter which will be sent home early next week. I know the Infants will want to be the first to receive their rewards.

Developing Independence

This week parents and careers have been supporting children to put their belongings in the correct place in the cloakroom. To support children to become independent from Monday children will be expected to enter the cloakroom independently and put their belongings in the correct place. The Infant team will be on hand to support any children who are still unsure.

Change Bag

Please can all children have a complete change of clothes (this does not need to be school uniform) including socks/ tights and underwear in a separate plastic bag on their peg just in case of any accidents.



Food Tasting and Cooking

As you have read above the children will be taking part in various food tastings and cooking sessions throughout the term. This will include tasting foods from around the world as well as making our own products. Please can you send in a voluntary contribution of £3 (in a named envelope to the office) to enable us to buy resources for these sessions. Any money which is extra will be kept for later in the year. Unfortunately, if not enough money is collected children may miss out on some of these experiences.

One of the Infant team is available every morning for you to inform if your child is being collected by someone else or you have a question. If I am unavailable any messages will be passed on.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Purves

