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Newsletter 2
Autumn Term 2020

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Dear Parents

The school continues to feel full of energy and activity as the children get back into the routines of school life.

A huge thank you for your continued support and helpful suggestions with our changed routines. Next week our Reception children join us full time and this may make drop off and collection times a little more congested. As always, we are monitoring how this goes and may make changes if the need arises.

Contacting Staff

We hope you are beginning to find the class email addresses helpful and that it is giving you a chance to communicate with staff. Please note that pupil absences should always go to the school office, but a cc to the class is helpful too

Diary Dates

The diary still looks quite empty as we begin looking at events for the coming term. Please be aware that the usual 'Meet the teacher' evening cannot take place this year. To give you the opportunity for a face-to-face (virtual) meeting with your child's teacher, we will be bringing our autumn Parent Consultations forward to this half term. More details on how this will work are to follow.

On a similar theme, our Harvest service this year will be held virtually in school. Rather than hold a single virtual collective worship, we will be having a Harvest week, with activities for all classes throughout the week.

We are of course working on events like the EYFS/KS1 Nativity, Carols by Candlelight and other seasonal events; more details will follow in the coming weeks.

Have a great weekend everybody.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. T. Williams
Headteacher



This Week:

To help support you at home and to spark conversations about learning, here is what the children have been covering this week.

	English	Mathematics
Reception	<p>This week in Reception class, the children have all stayed for longer days and have met each other to have lunch together.</p> <p>We are super proud of how well they have settled into the class and ways of school life.</p>	<p>Our topic was Elmer and the children have enjoyed a wide range of elephant based activities from reading the stories together, cutting and sticking Elmer elephant's pictures to making patterns using the linking elephants.</p>
Year 1	<p>Last week in literacy, we read <i>The Rainbow Fish</i>. The children talked and wrote about some of the messages in the text, we learnt that generosity can make us feel happier. We used <i>The Rainbow Fish</i> to inspire our artwork, some of which is already on display in our classroom. This week the children made an enthusiastic start to studying <i>Peace at Last</i>, they have learnt how to write a story-map and this has helped us to become very familiar with the story.</p>	<p>In maths we have warmed up by practicing lots of counting. The children have surprised me by not only counting in ones, but in various multiples too. We have used drawing to help us add two numbers and begun to explore the concept of one more and one less, supported by maths resources, including tens frames and number lines.</p>
Year 2	<p>We have been writing about the Good Samaritan and also writing sentences based on the wonderful book "<i>The Tin Forest</i>", by Helen Ward</p>	<p>In Year 2 we have been working hard! We are looking at place value and comparing two-digit numbers in maths, using the symbols for "greater than" and "less than" (> and <).</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 have made a fantastic start to their Literacy learning and are enjoying our class novel, <i>Matilda</i>. Based on Miss Honey, they have described their version of the best teacher in the world, using adjectives. They have remembered lots of grammar and spelling rules from Year 2 and have been able to use expanded noun phrases in their writing.</p>	<p>The children have done well to remember their place value, knowing what each digit means in a number. They can count in tens and hundreds to 1000 and find missing numbers on a number line. They are all at very different stages in their times tables and we will be testing them at their own level from next Monday and each Monday after. Well done everyone!</p>
Year 4	<p>This week in English we have been looking at the book <i>How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth</i>. We have been designing products and writing instructions for how to use them to clean a woolly mammoth using imperative verbs and prepositions.</p>	<p>In maths we have started our first number topic. We have recapped 3-digit numbers, learnt how to round to the nearest 10 and 100 and we have begun to look at numbers with 4-digits.</p>

Diary Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term

Monday 5 th October	Harvest Week
W/B: 19 th October	Virtual Parent Consultations
Friday 23 rd October	Half-term Break up @ 3pm

Half Term

Monday 2 nd November	INSET DAY
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term – Break up @ 3pm

Spring Term

Monday 4 th January	Proposed - INSET DAY
Friday 12 th February	Break up @ 3pm

Half Term

Monday 22 nd February	School Opens
Thursday 1 st April	Last day of term – Break up @ 3pm

Summer Term

Monday 19 th April	School Opens
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Half Term

Monday 7 th June	School Opens
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