

Weekly Updates – 04.01.2019

Welcome back everyone, we hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break.

Just a reminder as mentioned in the last newsletter, to please take extra care around the school over the next few weeks as there will be scaffolding up to facilitate the work being carried out on the new school roof. This should not affect any access or play areas as they will be working on sections at a time.

We would like to welcome our new pupils and teaching staff and are all looking forward to a busy Spring Term with the children and wish you all a very happy New Year.

Early Years Update – 04.01.2019

We have all enjoyed hearing about what you have been doing and the presents the children received. If you haven't already put photographs on Tapestry please do and then the children can show them to their friends. The children in Sunshine Class already know quite a few Makaton signs and we have decided to teach one sign per week to all of the children in the Early Years. Next week we are going to learn the sign for Hello.

We have made a few staffing changes in the Early Years and Mrs Dade will be now be teaching in Sunshine Class Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and in Nursery Thursday mornings. Mrs. Smith will now be working all day in Sunshine Class.

Nursery

We all really enjoyed meeting a new friend; Orla in Nursery this week.

Next week we will be exploring the Polar Regions and finding out about the animals who live there. In our role-play area we have put up a tent to keep warm in and a fire to cook fish for tea! We will also be focussing on how to use scissors correctly, developing our fine motor skills and building the muscles in our fingers and wrists.

Our sound of the week will be 'N', please can you bring in some objects for us to look at beginning with this sound.

As the weather has now got much colder can we please remind you to bring mittens / gloves and hats into school and labelled with your child's name please.

Reception

Mrs. Gualda has had a lovely time getting to know the children in Sunshine Class they have all been really helpful. If the Sunshine parents would like to come and meet her she will be available after school until 4pm next Friday 10th January.

Next term we will be having our indoor PE session on **Wednesdays**. The children will just need shorts and a t-shirt, both of which need to be labelled with your child's name please. We do have several jumpers that aren't named in our entrance if you could check the box for any lost items before we take them to the main school lost property box.

As the weather has now got much colder can we please remind you to bring mittens / gloves and hats into school, labelled please with your child's name. We keep them in our trays so please remind your child not to leave them with their coats.

We will be focussing on the wintery weather next week, here and in the polar lands. Sunshine Class will be making bird feeders next week and taking them to the woods on Monday to leave for the birds. Rainbow Class will do this the following week.

We would like to give you advance notice of a special event the week beginning 25th March. We would like to invite the ladies to join us in the week prior to Mother's Day. We would like to say thank you to our Mums, Aunties, Nannies or Grandmas and a sign-up sheet will go up after half term for you to choose the best afternoon that week for you to come into school. Unfortunately due to space we can only accommodate one special lady (per child) and no siblings.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Nursery & Reception Team

Year 1 Update – 04.01.2019

The children have all settled happily into routine again and have been working hard.

Next week we will be working on traditional tales, starting with Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We will be looking at porridge and thinking of adjectives to describe it. In maths, we will be continuing to focus on number bonds within 20.

Talktime this half term will be 'My favourite book'. Watch out for a note in reading logs to let you know when it is your child's turn.

In Science, our topic will be materials. We will be recognising, sorting and discussing the uses of a variety of materials.

PE on a Tuesday is yoga in the hall. Please ensure your child has shorts and a t-shirt. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed. We will continue with outdoor PE on a Friday afternoon, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Year One Team

Year 2 Update - 04.01.2019

We have had an exciting morning as the library and hall were turned into an airport and aeroplane ready for our new topic "A Frozen World". This half-term the children will learn about the Arctic Circle, with particular focus on Greenland. We will study the physical and human geographies of the country and see how it contrasts with Bury St Edmunds. We have some excited children already!

We will begin our weekly swimming sessions on Tuesday. Please ensure your child's swimming costume and towel are named, and that they have a swimming hat and appropriate-sized bag. Swimming hats are available from the school office at £1 each. Class 5 will be swimming second – if there are traffic problems this may mean the children return to school slightly later than usual. Our other PE session each week will now be on Wednesday afternoons

There is no homework this week.

Have a good weekend,

The Year 2 Team

Year 3 Update – 04.01.2019

We have had a great start to the new term with the children showing enthusiasm about our new maps and rivers topics in Geography.

Next week, indoor PE will be led on Monday afternoon by a gymnastics coach. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school. Outdoor PE will continue on Tuesday afternoons, so warm clothing and carrier bags for muddy trainers will be needed. Our new Science unit on teeth begins next week by naming the different teeth we have. In French we will be learning the vocabulary for the different parts of the body. Our Geography lesson will focus on how to use an Atlas.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 3 Team

Year 4 Update – 04.01.2019

We have had a full and enjoyable first two days of term! The children have thought about their New Year's Resolutions and have been introduced to this term's new Geography and Science topic 'The Polar Regions'. In Maths we have launched into a unit of work about multiplication and division.

In English this term we will be looking at poetry and writing stories set in Antarctica.

The children have their new homework menu. They have 5 pieces to choose from the list and have 6 weeks in order to complete them. We recommend that you spread the load and try to do one a week on average. Please make sure that work is presented nicely and **handwritten**.

Some changes to the timetable for your information:

Both classes will have gymnastics on a Monday morning. The children will also need outdoor PE kit on Wednesdays for tag-rugby. Trainers will naturally get very muddy and so a separate plastic bag within the PE kit for trainers is essential so that clothes don't get caked in mud! The children go out in most weather and so warm school kit is necessary. Please check the school website if you need reminding about kit requirements.

Both classes will need their recorders on a Wednesday afternoon starting in a couple of weeks. The first music session of the term next week will be music appreciation.

This week's maths homework is to get familiar with Mathletics. The children need to sign in with their user name and password which is in their reading logs. Please ask them to try some of the place value activities. The children should be confident with these areas of learning as we covered them in the Autumn Term. It's a great resource designed to consolidate what they have learnt in school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Year 4 Team

Year 5 Update – 04.01.2019

We have certainly had a busy and enjoyable first two days of term! The children have thought about their New Year's Resolutions and have been introduced to this term's new Geography topic. In Maths we have launched into a unit of work about multiplication and division. In Computing, the children are using Inkscape to create tessellating patterns.

The children have their new home learning menu and the first piece of work is due in on Tuesday 15th January. We were impressed with the standard last term and hope that the children will maintain this.

The children have been given a 'log in' to Times Tables Rock Stars. Please allow them to have an opportunity to practise this at home.

Outdoor PE this term will be on Monday and Indoor PE will be on Thursday. Please ensure they have appropriate warm clothing for outdoor PE and a bag for muddy trainers.

Music starts again next week so the children will need their instruments.

Have a good weekend.

The Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6 Update – 04.01.2019

As we are sure you are aware, this term will largely focus on preparing the children for the SAT assessments they will sit in May this year. To help with this, the school have purchased revision guides for each child. Each week, we will set pages from these to be completed as homework. It is vital that the children complete these in a timely manner, as we will go through these during lesson time to address any misconceptions. Not only will they be used for homework, they may also be used during lessons; it is important that children have these in school each day.

We will set homework on a weekly basis, as follows:

Tuesday: Maths

Thursday: Comprehension

Friday: Spellings and Times tables

Children will have a week to complete each piece of homework.

This week we have only set the following:

- Reading Comprehension- Fiction. Pg 2 – 11

The children have all been given their new logins for 'Times Tables Rockstars'. A link to the website can be found in the 'Learning Links' section of the school website. We would like each child to check their login works and begin to explore the program by trying out a few of the games on offer. We will begin setting specific weekly tasks from next week.

A few alterations have been made to the timetable, meaning that our P.E sessions now take place on Wednesday (Indoor) and Thursday (Outdoor). Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school for these sessions, and a bag for muddy trainers. A reminder that if your child cannot take part for whatever reason, please let us know in writing through either writing in your child's planner, Email to admin@sebertwood.co.uk or by writing a note.

Finally, an exciting week has been planned for the children in culmination for our World War 2 topic. This will take place week commencing 11th February. The children are able to dress up in period costume throughout the week to further enhance their experience. Please do not feel the need to spend excessive time and money on sourcing multiple costumes! Within this week, the children will make their own shoebox model of an Anderson Shelter. With this in mind, please begin collecting suitable materials for your child to create their model. These should be bought into school no earlier than Monday 11th February, thank you.

Example materials include:

Shoe boxes, cereal boxes, corrugated card, lollypop sticks, tissue paper, polystyrene, bubble wrap etc.

Have a lovely weekend,

YEAR 6 Team