

Autumn 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to an exciting first term in school for our Butterflies and Bees! We are delighted to have your children with us and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them this week. We're so proud of how confidently they've settled into school life and embraced our routines.

This term will be full of fun, learning, and discovery. Our curriculum supports your child's development through focused carpet sessions and continuous provision, with engaging weekly activities indoors and outdoors.

Understanding the World

Our topic this term is “**Who am I?**”. Children will explore their own families and learn about others: celebrating similarities, differences, and a sense of belonging. Please see the knowledge organiser attached to find out more.

English

We'll begin phonics using the *Little Wandle* scheme and dive into the story of *Elmer* through *Talk for Writing*, inspiring some wonderful early writing.

Maths

We'll focus on numbers to 5, sorting shapes and objects, and exploring capacity and patterns.

Reading at Home

We'll be sharing a wide range of books in class, and your child will soon bring home a **sharing book** for you to enjoy together. These will be sent out next week. **Individual reading books** will be introduced once children are familiar with initial sounds – this may not be until the end of this half term.

Please log any reading in your child's **reading diary**. We ask that children read with an adult a minimum of **three times a week** to support their progress.

Reminders for Parents

- 📷 Please send in a **family photograph** for our “Who am I?” display.
- 🛖 Send your child in with **named wellies** for muddy Opal Play lunchtimes.
- 🏃 **P.E. is on Wednesdays**. Children are encouraged to wear the new *active uniform* daily. It's being phased in and is **not yet compulsory**, so old uniform items are still fine. We do ask that the active uniform is worn on Wednesdays for P.E.

- 🧸 Please ensure **all belongings are clearly named** to help avoid lost items. Children should come to school with a coat every day so that they can play outside at lunchtime. They also need to be able to take their shoes on and off by themselves so are not advisable.
- All Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a **free dinner** and children in FS2 are provided with snacks and drinks throughout the day. Your child can choose a hot dinner on a daily basis when they arrive at school. This is a great way to encourage them to try new foods.

We are here to work with you during your child's learning journey. Please come and speak to us if you have any questions or let us know if your child has done something interesting at home. We're looking forward to a wonderful term ahead and thank you for your support as we begin this exciting journey together.

Warm regards,

Mrs Kenyon, Miss Kelly and Mrs Frankland-Peck