



MONKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reception Class 2 — AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone and welcome back to school!

We hope you all had a fantastic half term break.

What a wonderful first half term we had at school! We are so proud of how well the children have settled into life in Reception.

The children really enjoyed our topic 'Into the Woods' and got involved in lots of lovely learning experiences.

This half term, our topic is 'Can You Take Care of Me?'

Throughout this topic we will be leaning about people who help us such as; vets, police officers, firefighters, doctors and nurses.

We hope to invite some of these professionals into school to talk to the children about their roles and responsibilities at work. If you know anyone who works in any of these professions who would be willing to come into school, please let us know.

Best Wishes,

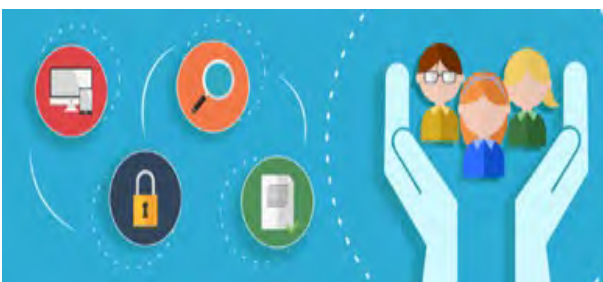
Miss Parkin and Miss Mullins

SAFEGUARDING LEADS AT MONKWOOD PRIMARY ARE:

Mrs Lee - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms Travis – Trust Safeguarding Lead

Ms Tyrrell – Trust Safeguarding Lead



CLASS NEWS

In Reception children follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS). At Monkwood, we use the EYFS to develop an exciting curriculum which enables children to develop a love of learning and encourages them to become curious about the world around them.

Phonics

The children have made excellent progress in phonics so far this year! Please encourage your child to participate in the online lessons that can be accessed via the links posted on Dojo each week. Engaging in these online lessons will help to consolidate learning and enable your child to make rapid progress with early reading.

English

This half term, our topic is 'Can you Take Care of Me?' and we will be learning all about people who help us. In class, we will be reading many interesting non-fiction texts about different services such as; police, firefighters, veterinary care and health care. We also hope to received visits from people who work in these professions! Next week, we are very excited to be receiving a visit from a lady who works with guide dogs.

Mathematics

In maths, this half term, we will be learning to use the language 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'equal to' to compare sets of objects. They will also learn about the composition of numbers 3, 4 and 5. We will continue to practise counting objects within 20 and verbally count beyond 20.

Wider Curriculum

Our topics provides lots of opportunity for us to explore our school woodland area and develop a greater sense of the environment around us. The children will also learn how to respect and care for our environment.

In our Music lessons, the children will be learning to sing a variety of songs and working really hard to put on an exciting Christmas performance for you all!

In our PSHE sessions, the children will learn how we are all different but similar in some ways. We will be celebrating our differences and recognising how we are all unique! We will be encouraging the children to identify their own strengths and things that they want to improve.

In our PE sessions, the children will be learning to move in different ways through the medium of dance.



HOME LEARNING

Regular reading at home is really important and will help your child become a confident and fluent reader. Children need to read home at least three times a week, but every day is better! Please write down in their reading diary when they have read so we can award dojos for each time they have read at home.

Class 2 Key Information

***Friday - PE Day**

Children can leave their PE kits in school and can be taken home every half term to be freshened up.

Everyday -

***Reading book and book bag**

This week your child will receive a book to read at home. Please encourage your child to read at home every night. Please sign your child's reading diary so that they can be rewarded for reading at home. Children should bring their bookbag to school every day.

***Water bottles**

Children need to bring a water bottle with their name on to school every day.

***Wellies**

Children can bring a pair of wellies to school and leave them here for the whole year. Please ensure that wellies are named.

Remember to keep an eye on the school website, Class Dojo and follow us on social media to keep up-to-date with the latest events and information.

Attending school every day and on time gives our children the best opportunities to develop their potential to the full.

Other Key Dates

Month

November

- 7.11.2024 With Me in Mind parent workshop 2-3pm (theme: school related stress)
- 11.11.2024 Remembrance Day
- 12.11.2024 INSET Day
- 13.11.2024 Odd socks day to support anti bullying
- 15.11.2024 Children In Need
- 25.11.2024 TTR Rockstars Day (children to dress as rockstars)

December

- 04.12.2024 School Christmas Fayre
- 11.12.2024 Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day
- 16.12.2024 Christmas Party (children to dress in party clothes)
- 18.12.2024 FS2 Christmas performance 9:30am and 1:45pm
- 20.12.2024 Break-up for the Christmas holidays

