



Year 4 *Bushmead Primary School*

Autumn Term 1 2023

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

Our Value for September is cooperation

Our well-being theme this half term is to connect with others

General Information

We hope you all had a lovely summer break. We are pleased to say that the children have settled back into school really well and are enjoying being back with their friends and teachers.

Our priority this year is for the children to make good progress across different curriculum areas within a creative and engaging environment. We look forward to working with you to achieve these goals.

School Uniform & P.E

Please ensure your child comes to school every day wearing the correct uniform, you will have already received clear messages about this and this information is also displayed on our website. In addition, PE clothing should be regarded as a uniform and not simply sportswear. The correct uniform for PE is plain black shorts or plain black joggers (tracksuit trousers) which are unbranded, a plain white t-shirt with no logos and a plain unbranded black hoodie. Therefore, do not allow your child to wear Adidas, Nike etc branded clothing. Black or white trainers are also required.

P.E days

Romans – Mondays and Wednesdays

Celts and Saxons – Wednesdays and Fridays

Celts and Saxons will start swimming lessons on Friday 8th September but still need to come into school in PE kit on Fridays.

Equipment

All children are required to have a small pencil case with the essential equipment they need for everyday use at school. Essential equipment is as follows: a pencil, a school handwriting pens (blue ink – not biro), a rubber, a sharpener and a ruler. In addition, the following equipment would be useful but not essential: coloured pencils, highlighter pens and felt tip pens.

Homework

It is school policy that children read a minimum of three times a week at home. Reading records will be monitored by class teachers on a weekly basis. Spelling homework will be given weekly via Google Classrooms and maths homework via MyMaths. Homework will be set on Fridays and due in by the following Friday. House Points will be given for completed homework, if children are unable to complete homework at home, time in school will be used to get this work done. The first homework will be set on Friday 8th September.

Dates and Events

- ★ Parent-Teacher Consultations - Monday 16th October and Wednesday 18th October
- ★ Last Day of Autumn 1 Term - Thursday 19th October
- ★ INSET day - Friday 20th October

Curriculum Overview

English

- ★ To write a set of instructions using fronted adverbials
- ★ To plan and write a diary entry using expanded noun phrases

Maths

- ★ To identify and represent place value in 4 digit numbers
- ★ To find 1, 10, 100 and 1000 more or less than a given number
- ★ To round an integer to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000
- ★ To explore negative numbers

Science

- ★ To use different types of scientific enquiry to answer scientific questions
- ★ To explore how to plan fair and comparative tests

Art and Design

- ★ To explore the use of line, shadow, texture and detail in drawing

Computing

- ★ To consider the reliability of information we read on the World Wide Web.
- ★ To use search technologies effectively
- ★ To be discerning in evaluating digital content

Geography

- ★ To use atlases to locate countries and develop use of symbols and keys on maps

History

- ★ To place key events in chronological order
- ★ To explore how historical artefacts provide us with information about the past
- ★ To consider the difference between primary and secondary sources

Music

- ★ To develop understanding of using the ukulele

PE

- ★ To explore and participate in a range of invasion games

PSHE & RSHE

- ★ To consider what positive, healthy relationships look like
- ★ To examine feelings and empathy, as well as behaviour and consequences
- ★ To evaluate what represents acceptable and unacceptable physical contact

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- ★ To consider how faith is expressed in Hindu communities and traditions.

The Year 4 Team

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Our Vision:

At Bushmead, children are empowered to be active, confident learners where they are inspired to be creative and excel.

