



Year 4 *Bushmead Primary School*

Spring Term 2 2024

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

Our Value for March is Positivity.

Our well-being theme this half term is 'Connect With Nature'.

General Information

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school ahead of what is already proving to be an exciting half term.

Our topic this half term remains 'Ancient Egypt'. In connection with this, it has been full steam ahead with preparations for our year group production - Who's your Mummy - which we will perform to parents on two separate dates at the end of the half term (dates below). Information about tickets and costumes will be sent via ParentMail in due course. If you know that your child will not be in school for either performance, please let your child's teacher know ASAP.

Reading

It is extremely important that your child reads at least 3 times a week at home, but preferably more. Reading is the key to life and it impacts heavily on other curriculum areas. Please ensure that each time your child reads, the book title and page numbers read are recorded in their Reading Record and signed by you in acknowledgement. Only reading entries that have an adult signature will count towards the minimum 3 times a week requirement. Additional reading on top of the minimum 3 times a week will be rewarded through our half termly reading raffles, reflecting its importance. Reading out loud is an important skill in itself, which helps to improve fluency; therefore please do take opportunities to listen to your child read, asking them questions to develop their understanding.

Times Tables

In just a couple of months' time, the children will take their multiplication check, which is an online assessment of their times tables recall. We strongly encourage all children to practise their times tables at home in order to improve their recollection; they can use websites such as <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>, <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> and <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/bushmead-lu2#/> to help.

Uniform

Lately, we have noticed a slight increase in uniforms that are not compliant with our uniform policy. Please do make sure that your child arrives at school wearing the correct uniform, in line with our school uniform policy:

<https://www.bushmeadprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=138>

Dates and Events

- ★ Book Week - week commencing Monday 4th March
- ★ World Book Day - Thursday 7th March
- ★ Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March - Non-uniform - wear red.
- ★ Parent-Teacher Consultations (In school) - Monday 18th March and Wednesday 20th March
- ★ Who's your Mummy (Performance to Parents 1) - 9:15am Wednesday 27th March ([further information to follow](#))
- ★ Who's your Mummy (Performance to Parents 2) - 2:15pm Thursday 28th March ([further information to follow](#))
- ★ Last day of Spring 2 term - Thursday 28th March
- ★ First day of Summer 1 term - Monday 15th April

Curriculum Overview

English

- ★ Explore characters in the texts we are reading
- ★ Identify the features in a formal letter
- ★ Write a formal letter using persuasive language.

Maths

- ★ To understand the concepts of proper fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers
- ★ To convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers
- ★ To find equivalent fractions
- ★ To add and subtract fractions

Science

- ★ To describe the functions of the parts of the digestive system
- ★ To identify different types of teeth and their function

Computing

- ★ To design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts
- ★ To use sequence, selection and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output
- ★ To use logical reasoning to explain how simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs

Music

- ★ To develop singing skills and to sing in harmony.

PE

- ★ To develop skills in outdoor invasion games

PSHE & RSHE

- ★ To develop an understanding of rights and responsibilities, including human rights and taking care of the environment
- ★ To develop an understanding of money and budgeting

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.

