



Class 1 Spring Newsletter



Happy New Year

Welcome back to school. We hope that you had a lovely festive holiday. The children have returned looking very smart and have settled back into our routines well. We are looking forward to term of fun learning. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about your child's learning.

Autumn Term Curriculum - 'Bears'

Our learning will be based around a key text with a theme of 'Bears'. We will let you know via the diary what our book of the week is. They will include familiar stories like 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' and early non-fiction books. Through supported play and 1:1 learning opportunities, we will:

Literacy

We will enjoy stories with counting and repeated phrases. We will use our book of the week to develop our skills in answering what, who and where questions. Every day we will have the opportunity to mark make, and give meaning to those marks. We will continue to explore the sounds the letters make using the Read, Write, Inc programme.

Mathematics

We will be practise our counting skills and use mark making to communicate a number. This will help us in our practical addition and subtract work. We will use different methods to help us learn number formation. Goldilocks and the Three Bears will help us with size and ordering,

Communication and Language

We will be developing our awareness of speech and how sentences are made up of individual words. Through action and visual aids we will explore different action words and use them in phrases (verbal and visual).

Physical Development

In our PE time we will develop simple movements to music and explore how we can change our shape and speed. In the classroom we are working on fine motor skills through mark maker control activities, cutting tasks and manipulation of small parts.

Understanding of the World

We will explore by using our senses of taste, touch, smell, sound and sight. We will investigate materials to make our own bears. Our home corner will provide us with the opportunity to experience different festivals, including Chinese New Year, Pancake Day and Eid.

PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development)

We will learn to communicate how we are feeling. We will begin to work with an adult on what to do to make us feel better if we are sad or angry. We will begin to explore more social settings inside and outside of school.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will explore different resources to create bears, using our fine motor skills to mark make and cut. We will use role play to act out some of our bear stories and continue to explore singing and music through familiar nursery rhymes.

Important Information

PE Kit and Uniform

Our PE days are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Pupils should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

Dates for the Diary

Coffee Morning - Friday 3rd February
World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March
Parents Evening - Thursday 16th March
Red Nose Day - Friday 17th March

Please check your child's diary for the latest updates and information on forthcoming events and trips.

Milton Keynes Council

Milton Keynes City Council is funding a free 'Warmth and Wellbeing Helpline'. It offers advice to people struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. MK residents can call the Freephone number **0800 107 0044**, Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 5.00pm to get advice from the National Energy Foundation's Better Housing Better Health team.

