P3/2 Newsletter

Term 2

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a relaxing October holiday! We have an exciting term ahead, with celebrations including Halloween, Diwali and Christmas to look forward to.

Literacy

This term, we will continue to use our Active Literacy approaches for spelling and phonics activities. We will also develop our reading strategies and comprehension skills and continue to enjoy daily reading in the classroom.

In writing, we will explore setting descriptions and procedural writing, learning how to write clear instructions. We will also focus on developing our writing by using a wider range of vocabulary, punctuation, connectives and interesting sentence openers to make our work more detailed and engaging.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, we will develop our mental maths and numeracy skills by recalling number bonds to 20, multiplying by 2, recognising and finding quarters, creating patterns and completing number sequences.

In Beyond Number, we will focus on telling the time to o'clock and half past using analogue and digital clocks, exploring probability using the terms 'certain' and 'impossible', and estimating and measuring the length, weight and capacity of different objects using non-standard units. Beyond Number will be taught by Ms McCauley.

Topmarks also has a range of free, fun maths games that your child can access at home to support their learning.

IDL (Inter-disciplinary learning)

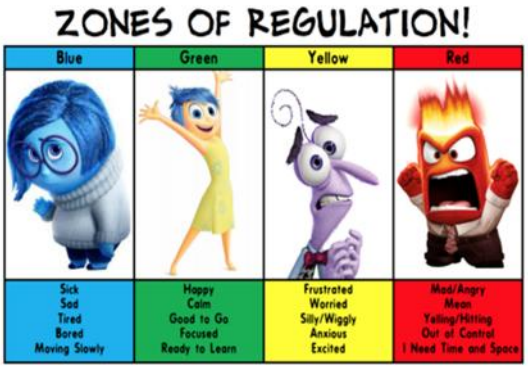
Our IDL topics this term will be Forces and The Stone Age. In Forces, we will explore how pushes and pulls can make objects move, stop or change direction. We will investigate how forces affect everyday objects while developing our skills in observing, predicting and explaining what happens.

P3/2 will also travel back in time to explore the Stone Age! We will learn about how people lived, what they ate, the homes they lived in and the tools they used. We will discover how life has changed over time and what we can learn from the past.

Health and Wellbeing

This term, we will continue to focus on our emotions using the Zones of Regulation, giving children opportunities to recognise and express their feelings.

We will discuss emergency situations, learn how to make an emergency call and explore the purpose of medicines and how to store them safely. We will also identify trusted people we can turn to for help.



Gym Sessions

Our gym sessions will take place on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. We are lucky enough to have a tennis coach working with us until the end of term! Please ensure that children wear their gym clothes to school on these days.

Tuesday: Our gym session will take place indoors, so children should wear appropriate clothing and bring a separate pair of indoor gym shoes.

Friday: Our gym session will take place outdoors, so please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Please remember that no jewellery should be worn on gym days, including small earrings, and long hair should be tied back. Thank you for your continued support!

Outdoor Learning

Children will be learning outdoors, whatever the weather! Where possible, please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for outdoor learning, for example, wearing sturdy shoes and a waterproof jacket. We have some spare clothing available in school if needed.

Homework

Homework will continue to be uploaded weekly to Seesaw. Spelling words will be shared on Seesaw every Monday for children to practise at home, and we will have a weekly spelling quiz/dictation every Friday. Please encourage your child to practise their words using the spelling strategies shared on Seesaw. Reading books will be kept in the classroom for the time being, and numeracy homework will be uploaded to Seesaw.

Christmas

Our Christmas party will be on **Wednesday 16th December** in the afternoon. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes or they can change at lunchtime. Our Christmas concert will take place on **Thursday 10th December**.

Stay, Play and Read

We are holding a **Stay, Play and Read** event on **Wednesday 28th October 9-9.30am** so I'm looking forward to welcoming you all into our classroom.

A huge thank you to all our families for supporting our sponsored read and helping us raise money for our classroom! We love sharing lots of wonderful stories and books in class, and your support helps us continue to nurture a love of reading in our children. Thank you for encouraging reading at home and helping to make books such a special part of our learning!

How can I help my child?

- Encourage your child to practise addition and subtraction using everyday objects, toys or snacks.
- Encourage your child to sound out unfamiliar words and blend the sounds together.
- Practise recognising tricky words to improve reading fluency.
- Encourage your child to choose books they enjoy to develop a love of reading.

I would like to thank you for your on-going support and if you have any concerns about your child, please contact me via the school office or the Seesaw app.

Mrs Gillespie ☺