



South Gosforth First School
EYFS Half Termly News



Autumn Term 2 November 2020

Welcome to Autumn Term 2!

We hope you all had a lovely half term break and can't wait to see you all again for the new half term!

The children have settled so well into school and are now all familiar with our daily routines and expectations.

We have made a few slight changes to our timetable for this half term which we will attach with this newsletter so you can see how we spend our days!

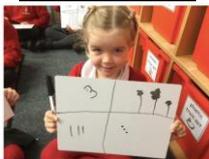


Phonics

We continue to start each day with our daily Phonics session. We follow the Letters and Sounds scheme and will be continuing to learn the Phase 2 sounds this half term.

We will send home the sounds that we have learnt each week on the homework timetable so that the children can practise them at home.

Mathematics



This half term, we will be continuing to learn about how we can represent numbers to 10 in different ways. We will also be introducing the concept of 'one more and one less' and we are going to explore the names and properties of 2D shapes.

Individual Reading

Children will be heard read one to one every other week, with either their class teacher or Teaching Assistant with a book that will be selected for them and will closely match their phonic ability.

Each time your child reads individually in school, we will date and sign in their Reading Record book and write a comment about their reading. Please could you also do the same each time you hear your child read at home, so that we know that they have read the book and how well they have been able to read it. There is a Weekly Reading Guide in your child's Reading Record to help you to support with reading at home.

The children will also be given one 'Reading Rocket' each time they read individually. This will be stuck into their Reading Record. Each rocket has five high frequency words on for the children to read by sight. These words will be checked each time the children read individually to an adult before progressing to the next rocket. Children can progress to the next rocket if they get 4/5 words correct. If they get one word wrong, then it will be written on to the bottom of the next rocket to ensure that children are learning all of the rockets systematically before moving onto the next set.

Guided Reading

Each child is part of a Guided Reading Group once a week.

Guided Reading sessions have an emphasis on phonics and allow pupils to practise applying their phonic skills. Pupils will access a book which directly matches their phonics ability. This book will then be sent home as your child's reading book for the week.



P.E.



This half term, we will have PE every

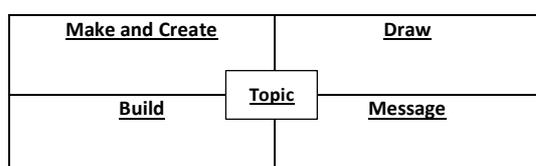
Wednesday.

The children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits every Wednesday. They will need to wear their PE T-shirt, school jumper or cardigan, dark tracksuit bottoms and trainers. Weather permitting, we will aim to have our PE sessions outside.

Play Projects

To help develop children's problem solving, creativity and collaborative skills during Busy Play, this half term we are introducing the concept of Play Projects to the children.

The principle of Play Projects is that the children plan their own ideas for what they can make and create, draw, build and message related to our theme in school or a theme entirely of their own choice. They record their ideas on a framework and this then enables the children to lead their own learning through play.



Dates For Your Diary

Friday 13th November - Children in Need

Friday 11th December -
Christmas Jumper Day

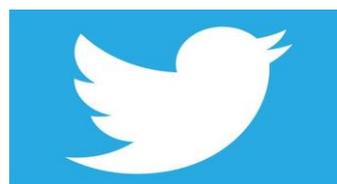
Thursday 17th December -
Reception Christmas Party

More details about all of these events will follow nearer the time.

Tapestry

Many thanks to those of you who have been sending the signed weekly homework timetable, photos and videos to us on Tapestry. We love seeing the activities that the children have been doing at home and how much they have remembered from their learning in school and greatly appreciate your support with this. We will continue to send the homework timetable to you via email on a Friday.

We do also post weekly updates of what we have been getting up to in Reception on our school Twitter page, @SouthGosforthFS, and our Facebook page, so look out for any updates on there.



Junk Modelling

As part of Play Projects, we will have open ended creative areas for the children, including junk modelling. We therefore need lots of boxes, cardboard tubes and plastic bottles to enable the children to make their wonderful creations and would welcome any donations of these into school.

Due to the current situation with COVID, we will need to quarantine the boxes etc before the children use them in school. We are currently trying to ensure that as few things as possible go between school and home, but as this is going to be a large part of the curriculum this half term and the children are always keen to proudly show you their creations, then we will ensure that the models have also been quarantined or sprayed before they are brought home.



Many thanks for your on-going support, The Early Years Team