



# Twineham CofE School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. We welcome back Mrs Cotton to Buttercups who will be teaching Mondays, Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays and Mrs Slade will now teach alternate Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Our aim for this newsletter is to give you an overview into what Buttercup class will be studying this term and hopefully give some ideas of how you can support your child's learning at home.

This half term we are learning all about mini-beasts and growing things. We are then going to focus on the place we live, comparing it to other places and thinking about how places change over time.

## Literacy and Topic

In Literacy this term we will begin by looking at the story 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' by Eric Carle. We hope to learn the story off by heart and to explore it through various activities, including drama, writing, reading and art. We will also re-write our own versions of the story which we hope to share with you when they are finished! We will be finding out all about minibeasts. We will be looking at the lifecycle of a butterfly and will have some caterpillars in the classroom that we will be observing.

After the half term we are going to learn about Twineham and compare it to other places we know. We will develop our geographical skills, explore maps and will think about the different animals, occupations and environments.

In addition to this we will be continuing with our daily Phonics work, handwriting and reading. Please continue to listen to your child read as often as possible. We will be changing reading books on a Wednesday and we will also look at homework books then.

## Maths

Our Year 1 mathematics lessons will follow the 2014 National Curriculum and all children will be involved in large and small group maths activities. During the Summer term, the children will focus on shape and apply their skills in addition, subtraction, division and multiplication to solve number problems.

Reception will continue to become familiar with numbers to 20, addition and subtraction. We will also be investigating weight and capacity.

We believe that parents' help is invaluable in supporting children's learning, we therefore we ask you to practise basic maths skills at home through number songs and games as well as using mental maths in everyday life.

## PE / Gym



This term Year 1 are going swimming on Friday mornings. Please ensure their swimming bag is here each week. Reception and Year 1 children will also have PE with Mrs Cotton every Tuesday. We will be developing our gymnastic skills and beginning to use apparatus as well as doing athletics and team games.

ICT, PSCH, Music, Art, RE and French (Year 1)

These subjects will also be taught weekly, whether it be linked to another subject or independently. Pupils will be taught in accordance to the 2014 National Curriculum guidelines. This term Buttercup class will be exploring the themes of awe and wonder and creation in RE. We will also be taking part in Forest Schools on a Wednesday afternoon.

If you have any further questions or queries, please feel free to come and talk to us.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Slade and Mrs Cotton.