

# Burwell Village College Primary School



## Reception Newsletter

Summer 2019

**Mrs Reeder, Miss Walker, Mrs Weaver-Smith**

The spring term was lots of fun, we enjoyed learning all about penguins, space, transport, under the sea and pirates. The children particularly enjoyed the trip to Burwell Museum to learn more about how transport has changed over time. Reception B and C enjoyed learning to ride the Balance Bikes and Reception A will enjoy taking their turn this term. As the weather will be getting warmer, please provide your child with a hat, water bottle and sun cream (applied at home before school) during hot weather.

### Summer term:

#### **Communication, Language and Literacy**

In Literacy we will introduce a number of shared stories as stimulus for writing activities. We will be reading stories and information books about plants, insects, dinosaurs, local people who help us and what life was like in the past. We will continue with our phonic work, building on the children's knowledge of phonemes and continue to blend and segment words to read and write them. We will also be focusing on letter names, capital letters and letter formation. The emphasis will move towards speed recall and application of skills to aid fluency and comprehension of what is being read.

#### **Mathematics**

In Maths we focus on counting 1-20, recognising and ordering numbers, counting on or back along a number line, doubling, halving, sharing, capacity, time and money to compare quantities and objects to solve problems. We will also continue to make sensible estimates of sets of up to 20 objects, practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10s and sharing into equal sets.

#### **Helping at Home**

We can't stress enough the importance of continued regular reading at home. Currently only 50% read 3 or more times a week. Please try to schedule a little time for reading together with your child as often as possible. Please return reading books and records daily in the small bag provided. We will continue to sign reading records on a Monday and award 3 Dojo points for regular reading at home (3 or more times). If you need any advice or support, please let us know.

#### **Homework**

Each week, children will have a simple homework sheet to complete and/or a speech bubble/ shape to return. Please return anything that is sent home as it will feed into the overall educational picture we have of your child. The information is added to your child's Learning Journey which is used for assessment purposes.

We will continue to send home 'Thoughts for the Weekend' sharing ideas for what you can do to help your child's learning at home. We will also continue to send handwriting with words or letters for your child to practise.

#### **Physical Development**

PE will be just as fun as last term, concentrating on outside games.

We will continue to develop the children's skills such as hand-eye co-ordination, throwing and catching and moving confidently.

As we go outside for P.E. more often all the children will need to bring to school a full P.E kit in a named bag. It needs to include a t-shirt, a pair of shorts and a pair of plimsolls/ old trainers. **Please name all items.**

**Topics**

This term we will learn about plants, food, insects, dinosaurs, local people who help us and what life was like in the past through a variety of practical investigations and creative activities.

**ICT (Understanding the World)**

We develop the ability to use the mouse and touch screen, through a variety of different programs in the classroom. We will also learn about how basic technology has changed and what we use both at home and school today.

**Music (Expressive Arts and Design)**

We concentrate on developing listening skills. We learn a variety of new songs. We work on rhythm, singing in time to the music and percussion work. We learn to handle instruments correctly.

**Expressive Arts and Design**

Children will be using paints to explore colour mixing. Children have the opportunity to print using a variety of objects. We develop skills of observational drawing. We encourage manipulative skills using a variety of tools and materials such as collage papers, play dough and clay. There will be an emphasis on children selecting using their own resources, tools and techniques to create their own unique work.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We help the children to make new friendships, talk about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and other's behaviour and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable. We discuss expectations and appropriate behaviour in school. There will be opportunities to experience life in Year One in order to prepare children for the transition into KS1 in September.

**School dates**

Class Photographs - Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

**KS1 Sports Day**

- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 a.m. (Reserve morning: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July)

If you would like your child to wear a t-shirt in their House colour, the colours are as follows;

- Air – yellow    Earth – green    Fire – red    Water – blue  
(more information to follow)

**Other Important dates:**

- May Day Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May
- Half Term Break – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May- Return to school Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- Last day of term - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July
- Open afternoon (chat to class teachers, look at work books)– Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

**EYFS transition to Year One:**

Children will be meeting their Year One teachers and spending time in their new classroom on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Assessment Reporting:**

We will continue to make assessments on the Foundation Stage Profile and record these in the 'Learning Journeys'. At the end of the school year your child will receive an end of year report together with the name of their next class teacher. (Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July)

If you need to discuss any matters with us before then, please feel free to make an appointment or pop-in after school. On the first Monday of each month from 3.15 until 4pm, you are welcome to drop in and look at your child's work and chat with the class teacher. The dates are as follows: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Contacting members of staff:**

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff by phoning the school office or speaking to the TA on the door.