

Welcome to Term 6, which promises to be an exciting and busy term with lots going on around the school. This newsletter outlines key information to be aware of this term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask me after school, or book an appointment through the school office.

Mrs Pressman

Braeside

Some of our Year 2 children will embark on their first residential on the 12th-14th June at Braeside. We hope they enjoy their time and are sure that they will gain so much confidence and independence whilst they are there.

Class move up days and new starters

We will be spending a day during this term in our new classes, meaning that Year 2s will be off to spend the day with their new teacher Mrs Lewis in Year 3. Reception and Year One will spend the day getting stuck into their new year group and will be joined by our new Reception cohort for two sessions this term. I know that our current Wrens will give them a warm welcome.

Reading

Please continue to hear you child read as much as possible at home. We continue to encourage parents to fill in your child's reading log each time they are heard read.

Reception and some Year 1 children will continue to bring home banded Phonics books matched to their current phonics knowledge. Children should be able to read the books sent home with relative ease as they should include the sounds that they are secure in as opposed to any they are not sure on. This will help them to practice their blending and reading fluency. In addition to these Phonics books we will send home an additional 'sharing' book for you to read with your child for pleasure.

Some children in Year One and children in Year 2 will have completed a Star Reader test each half term which will provide us with the range of books which best fits their reading level. This reading level or ZPD will be written in their reading records and updated termly. Those who are still practicing their Phase 2-5 Phonics sounds will also bring home a Phonics book matched to their level.

English

This term children in Reception will be building up their writing stamina and independence to prepare them for Year One. We will continue to discuss books that we read and the characters and plot and children but will begin to encourage them to write a little more and supply even more of their very own ideas to enhance their writing. We will continue to also explore these books and characters through role play. This term

we will be basing our writing on the books 'Where the Wild Things are', 'Rosie's Walk' and 'I Wanna Iguana' .

Year One and Two will continue in their sentence stacking lessons, writing a travel journey and poem this term. We will also be getting them to show off their fantastic writing skills in creating their own character descriptions.

Maths

This term Reception will focus on counting beyond 20 and understanding the repeated number patterns. They will learn about odd and even numbers and sharing into equal groups. They will continue to work to secure their numbers bonds to 5 and 10. The Term 6 KIRFs document will give ideas of ways in which you can help your child at home. The White Rose website also has a great Home Learning section should you wish to support your child further at home.

Year One will be looking at counting, ordering and comparing numbers to 100 before moving onto learning about money and telling the time. The Term 6 KIRFs document will give you ideas of the sticky knowledge your child should learn this term. The children now have TT Rockstars log ins to help them begin to learnt their tables ahead of Y2.

Year Two will be re-visiting shape and time this term in order to fully consolidate their learning. We will also be practicing problem solving type question which we can often find quite tricky at first. The Year Twos have made a good start with their timetables but please continue to log in to Times Table Rockstars to help consolidate your child's multiplication and division facts outside of the classroom as this is so important in building their Maths skills as they move higher up the school.

Science

This term's Science topic is 'Mini Worlds' and children will be learning about food chains, sorting and classifying animals and about animal habitats. As part of the topic they will spend time making a bug hotel. Please see the Mini Worlds Science Knowledge Organiser to support your child with key knowledge and vocabulary.

Geography

This term our topic is 'Our Local Area.' Children will be taking part in fieldwork activities to help them understand the key human and physical geography of North Cerney. We will learn to draw a simple map of the area as well as identifying the key compass points and will be able to give directions using these. Please see the 'Our Local Area' Knowledge Organiser to support your child with key knowledge and vocabulary.

Forest School

Reception will continue to take part in Forest School with Miss Law on a Friday morning in the school grounds. This gives children an opportunity to explore the world around them and begin to understand some of the natural processes that take place everyday. Please ensure that children are provided with a suitable change of clothes on a Wednesday, including outdoor footwear and water proofs.

PE

This term PE will take place on **Tuesday and Friday** and children will be developing their athletics and tennis skills.

Art and Design

Mrs Russell will continue to lead Art and D and T on a Friday. This term children will be focussing on drawing skills.

RE

This term's key question is: How should we care for the world and for others, and why does it matter? Children will study both Christianity and Judaism and look at the ways the holy texts teach us to care for each other. We will also be linking this to the creation story to show how it teaches us to care for our world.

Homework

Spelling homework will continue to be set on a Tuesday for both Year One and Year Two and will be tested the following Tuesday. Thank you to parents who are supporting the children so well at home as the weekly test results are very promising.

Year One and **Year Two** will also be set Times Table practice on TT Rockstars.

Extra spelling practice will also be set on Spelling shed for the children to continue their practice. Please let me know if you need any of these passwords to access the sites at home.