

Welcome Butterflies



Welcome to Year One. We hope you have had a peaceful and restful summer holiday and are looking forward to everything that this new academic year brings.

This term we are undertaking a joint topic with Year 2 as we go back to the 1970's. So dust off that kaftan, clean up those platforms and find those flares as we begin our topic 'What's that sound?'



ABBA mania will be sweeping the classroom as we embrace their work. Our role play area will be transformed into a sound studio so we may practise and perform some iconic songs. In Geography, we will be discussing how environments have changed over the last 40 years as we jump onto the tour bus and gig both locally and nationally around the country. We will use maps, routes and compass directions to help us. In History, we will look at the way people dressed, lived and where they went on holiday compared to today. We will be interviewing family members and friends to help us with our investigations. In Science, we will investigate and record different types of sound, documenting our observations. We will also investigate how sound travels as we look at the invention of the telephone. In Art, we will recreate some of the work undertaken by Andy Warhol. We will also look at album covers and become ABBA as we use photography to remake some record sleeves. In Literacy, we will be writing lists, labels and captions and exploring poetry using our senses. We will also begin story writing and write our own version of a popular story, culminating in our own class book. In Numeracy, we will be counting, ordering, reading and writing numbers from 0 to 20, developing our addition and subtraction skills then using these skills to solve problem solving questions. In RE, our topics will be "Homes and Families" and "Signs and Symbols". In "Homes and Families" we will be talking about our families who love and care for us, as well as talking about being in God's family. In the "Signs and Symbols" topic we will be looking at Baptism and talking about the different symbols connected to Baptism, such as the sign of the cross.

For your information

PE - will be on a Wednesday and a Thursday (this has changed from a Monday and a Thursday). Please ensure your children have a PE kit at school, including outdoor trainers and tracksuit for colder weather. Also please remove earrings on these days.

Guided Reading - We are in the process of assessing the children's reading (skills and understanding) to ensure that they are given a book at the level that is appropriate for their ability. Please bear with us; books will be coming home as soon as possible.

Marvellous Me - The children will be bringing home their 'Marvellous Me' book with their homework in. Homework will be set on a Friday and it will be expected back in school on the following Tuesday. In addition, the children may wish to write and include information about things that they have been doing with you. In the front of the book is the first 100 High Frequency Words, please take some time each week to look at some of these (at least 5 each week); to read, write in sentences then spell. Please note that there will be no formal spelling tests each week. Instead we will be looking to see whether they can apply these word level skills within their own writing.

Benji Bear - Benji's calendar is now on our class page on the school web-site. If you have a special event coming up or your child would just like to have Benji at any weekend please book him; last year he was very popular. Pop the dates in a note via your child to us and we will do our best to ensure you are not disappointed!

Pup - If your child has achieved a position in 'Silver' on the *Good Behaviour/Good Effort Chart*, he/she may be lucky enough to bring Pup home for an evening. Please ensure he comes back the following day; this will ensure all children may have the opportunity take him home.

Please check your children have everything they need to make their day comfortable and to ensure they are ready and eager to learn. This includes:

A Water Bottle

A Coat - no matter what the weather is like in the morning

A Book Bag with their books inside - a school one is ideal as we have limited coat space

And finally - If there are any parents/grandparents who would like to come into class during the afternoon and listen to children read this would be greatly appreciated. If you can help in any way please let us know.

If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us; no problem is too small.

Mrs Davies and Mrs Towsey
