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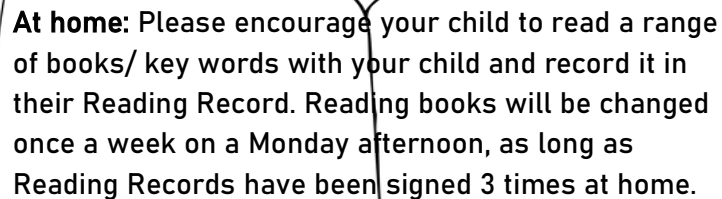
Autumn 1 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after an eventful few months of uncertainty. I hope you've had a lovely summer holiday and managed to make some fabulous memories with your family. We've got lots of exciting activities planned to do in the classroom and in our outdoor area, and I can't wait to see all the children back together again. I'm sure we'll all have lots of fun!

Please let me know if you have any questions or queries about your child.

Thank you, Mrs Milson



At home: Please encourage your child to read a range of books/ key words with your child and record it in their Reading Record. Reading books will be changed once a week on a Monday afternoon, as long as Reading Records have been signed 3 times at home.

Reading and Spellings on Monday afternoons

This half term, the children will be doing fun spelling games and activities on a Monday afternoon to help them learn their particular spellings and phonics sounds for that week.

For homework, to show that the children have been practising their spellings at home, and understand the correct definitions, it would be great to see the following:

- The Reception children to practise recognising and reading their tricky words.
- The year 1s to write 1 sentence using at least 3 different words from the spelling list they will be given each week.
- The year 2s to write 2 sentences using at least 5 different words from the spelling list they will be given each week.

The children will be awarded Dojo points for sentences with capital letters, punctuation in the correct places and their best handwriting.

Staff teaching timetable

Monday: Mrs Milson

Tuesday: Mrs Milson

Wednesday: Mrs Milson

Thursday: Mrs Callaghan

Friday: Mrs Stockill (am)

Mrs Milson (pm)

Parent Pay

Please login to Parent Pay with your new username and password. A letter has been sent home this week with your child in their book bags.

Tapestry

We will be continuing to use Tapestry as our tool for recording the developmental steps for our Reception children, so please don't forget to check in and have a look at what they have been doing at school. Please feel free to add any pictures and comments of their achievements and activities at home.

PE

We will be teaching PE this half term and Forest School next half term. Please make sure your child keeps a complete PE kit in school all week, as they will be doing PE activities on a Wednesday afternoon and a Friday morning. Please note, we will be doing our PE sessions outside as much as possible, so the children have more space to spread out, and will be in the fresh air. A complete PE kit includes: black or blue trousers/shorts, plain white or blue t shirt, plain blue/black jumper and suitable outdoor trainers.

Wintery weather and clothing

We will be spending a lot of time outside in the school day, even when it's raining or chilly. Please send your child to school with a warm coat every day, preferably with a hood. Also, please make sure every item of clothing is clearly labelled (including PE kits and shoes) with your child's name. We don't want things to go missing in the first term!

Spare recycled resources

We have plenty of larger cardboard boxes stored in our shed, so thank you for these. We would now love other recycled items such as: old bottle corks and caps, milk bottle lids, pine cones, wooden lolly pop sticks, small boxes (mini cereal box or smarties size), kitchen roll tubes and wrapping paper tubes. The children are always creating new models, so any of these items would be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much in advance!

Dojo Points

At Leavening, we reward our children in each class with Dojo points. All staff will be giving out Dojo points for a range of positive behaviours they see, such as politeness, helpfulness, following instructions, sharing, good listening, having great ideas and taking turns. At the end of each week, a prize will be given to the child with the most Dojo points. Children will stay in the same houses as before, but we will be using Dojo points instead of house points for the foreseeable future.

Named water bottle

Please ensure your child brings a named refillable water bottle into school every day. As always, we will be encouraging children to drink throughout the day, so that they stay hydrated, so it is essential they have their own bottle filled with water in the classroom.

Spare clothing

If anyone has any spare clothing that don't fit your child anymore, particularly knickers/pants, trousers/ leggings or socks, these would be greatly received in Conkers. Thank you! 😊

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English

As readers we will be reading a range of fiction books about space.

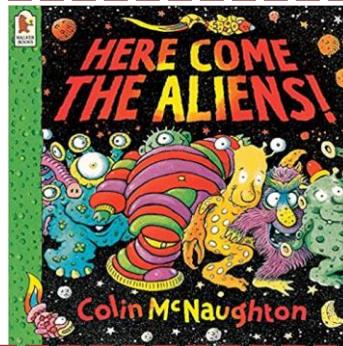
As writers, we will be talking about the exciting things and favourite days that we enjoyed over the summer holidays.

As poets we will be reading 'Here Come the Aliens!' and creating our own shape poems about aliens and space. Some of us will make some rhyming couplets too!

PE

As sportspeople we will be learning a range of ball skills. We will teach and allow the children to practise the following skills: throwing, catching, bouncing and dribbling a ball.

We will also be learning to play Kwik Cricket.



Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be learning all about the place value of numbers and practising counting in ones, twos, fives and tens. Year 1s will learn to count up to 20 and year 2s will learn to count up to 100. We will learn to count using resources in the classroom such as concrete objects, number squares and pictorial representations such as part whole models and box plots.

We will also explore the names and features of various 2D and 3D shapes. As well as this, we will find different lengths, weights and capacities of a range of objects/containers.

Art and Design

As artists we will be exploring the work of famous Friedrich Hundertwasser and how his love of nature inspired his brightly coloured paintings.

As designers we will be recreating Hundertwasser's sculptures of buildings using recycled materials.

As painters we will also be creating a solar system of planets, rockets, spaceships and aliens.

French

As French linguists we will be securing the vocabulary we use to greet people. We will be working on French numbers to 10 and Year 2 will try to count to 20, or even beyond! We will ensure that we know the days of the week and the months of the year. Everybody will be able to say which month their birthday is in. We will be developing our listening skills to play lots of games using these words in French and some of us will be doing fun worksheets to practise writing and reading French independently. We will be able to answer questions in French - to say our name and how we are feeling. We will develop our pronunciation, reading, listening and writing skills through lots of songs and games.

PSHE

As citizens we will be discussing the qualities of a good friend and how to make positive relationships with friends and family.

We will also be learning about the importance of eating healthily and having regular exercise in order to keep our bodies fit and healthy.

We will find out how to keep safe in various situations where there are possible dangers such as: in water/sea, fires and electricity.

Music

As musicians we will be exploring music that represents Space. We will be exploring the lengths of notes and pitch to investigate how Strauss composed his piece 'Also Sprach Zarathustra'. Composition will include creating music to represent Space using tuned and untuned percussion instruments and also adding sounds to stories about Space. We will perform our compositions and will also learn to use, and maybe even create our own, graphic scores. Also, using the glockenspiels, we will try to learn the melody of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star if we are in Keystage 1. When the weather allows, we will sing (socially distanced) outside.

EYFS

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be...

- recognising, ordering and using numerals 0-10+
- counting objects accurately and saying the number in a set.
- beginning to use mathematical names for 'solid' 3-D shapes and mathematical terms to describe shapes
- Selecting a particular named shape

At home:

Practice counting objects
Notice and recognise numbers in the environment,
Encourage correct number formation and ordering.

PSED

As part of Leavening family we will be...

- Exploring the rules of the school and class.
- Discussing how to be a good friend and maintain good relationships with family and friends.
- Finding out how to be healthy and the importance of a balanced diet and exercise.

Literacy

We will be...

- Exploring our new class stories
- Learning all the Phase 2 and 3 phonic sounds and how to blend them to read words and segment words for writing.
- Developing our letter formation and writing skills so that we can write our names

At home:

Vary the types of genre you read. Enjoy some poems, magazines, posters and stories and Non-fiction.

Practice key words- read and make sentences with them.

Keep reading your reading books – Please comment or sign their reading record book when you have read with your child. Once it has been signed 3 times, we will change.

EYFS - Understanding the World

As investigators we will be...

- Investigating materials and their properties and what they can be used for.
- Looking at seasonal changes and how this affects the weather, plants and animals.

At home:

Look at different media such as artwork and texts, and research the famous artists and authors using books and the internet.

Communication and Language

We will be...

- Developing our listening skills through stories, rhymes and circle times.
- Continue to develop our speaking skills through role play and reporting on things that interest us or things we have found out.
- Extending our vocabulary related to our topic and new interests.

At home:

Take part in role play.
Enjoy sharing and retelling stories and rhymes.

Physical

We will be...

- Focussing on our fine motor skills using pencil grip/control, scissors, pincers and buttons etc. which will develop our handwriting skills.
- Thinking about keeping our selves healthy and safe whilst working outdoors.

At home:

Use small construction toys to help with fine motor skills

Practice correct letter formation

Practice safety at home

Talk about how you keep fit and healthy – keep a diary of what you have to eat. Is it healthy? Or daily routines like brushing teeth and hair, keeping clean and exercising.

EYFS - Expressive Arts and Design

We will be...

- Experimenting to create different textures.
- Selecting tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials we are using.

At home:

Listen to a variety of different music genres and see how the different types makes you feel. Look for interesting materials in the environment to create pictures or models. Use different coloured paper and card to create a collage.