

Donaldson Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! This term your child will be exploring cross-curricular themes based on our topic entitled, *Toys* and *Hello, I'm new here*.

For the first two weeks we will be focusing on assessing the children and settling them back into the school and class routines.

Literacy

This term we will be reading "Traction Man" and "The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon" by Mini Grey. Later we will read 'On the Way home' and 'East o' the sun, West o' the moon'. Our writing and other activities will be based on these books.

We will also continue to practise our handwriting and our phonics.

Numeracy

We will be looking at place value and identifying how many tens and ones are in two-digit numbers. We will then look at comparing numbers using the language and symbols for less than and greater than. We will then revise our number bonds and methods for addition and subtraction.

Science

In Science we will be looking at "Ourselves". We will be thinking about how we have changed as we have grown, learn about our body parts and find out about the five senses. We will also look at

how we can be healthy.

After half term we will be looking at "Plants".



History

We will be exploring how the toys we play with now are different to when we were younger. We will also look at how toys have changed throughout history.

Geography

After half term we will be finding out about our school environment and local area. We will compare our local area to other countries.

Art/DT

Our artwork will be related to our books and topics. We will start with developing our drawing skills and then move onto painting after half term.

Religious Education

Our Unit will be "Why do Christians Make and Keep Promises before God?" We will be looking at Marriage and Baptism in the Church. After half term in our Christmas unit we will be asking the question 'Who are the Nativity characters and why are they important?'

Computing

We will be using the iPads and different ICT programmes to find out about our topics and practise programming.

PSHE

This half term our PSHE will be focused on 'Being me in my world'. We will start the unit 'Healthy Me' after the half term.

Physical Education

We will have PE every **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Please could you ensure your child brings in their PE kit on these days and then takes it home again to be washed **the same day**.

Kits should comprise of a plain white t-shirt and black, grey or navy-blue bottoms. We will try to go outside as much as possible so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear, particularly as it gets colder.

Please could you ensure that **all** of your child's clothing is clearly labelled with his/her name

Home Learning

Due to the current situation **we will not be sending home learning logs or reading books** but will be putting relevant activities and recommending appropriate e-books on the website within the next few weeks. Please continue to try and read with your child as much as possible.

Please don't hesitate to contact me through the office to arrange a telephone appointment.

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