



Stillington Primary School

Weekly Bulletin

16th September 2022



Class 1



We have had a busy week in Early Years!

The Reception children have been looking at matching and sorting different objects such as socks, and colour bears.

We have been learning about how we have changed since we were babies and had a special visit from Baby Leo. We looked at his toys and his clothes, and his mummy told us all about his daily routines, such as nap times. More pictures to follow on Tapestry!



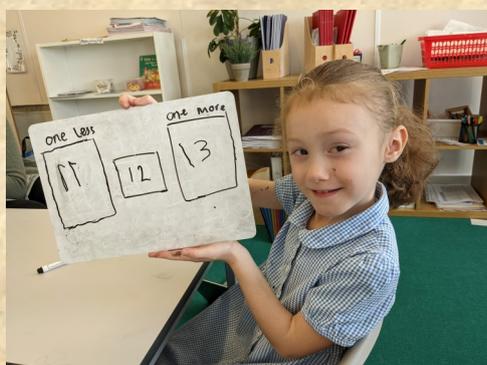
Class 2



Class 2 children have had a super week! This term, our English book is 'The Robot and the Bluebird.' We have been thinking of lots of different adjectives and expanded noun phrases to describe the robot, like 'rusty', 'old' and 'broken.'

In maths, we have been finding one more and one less for numbers within 50, as well as comparing numbers using 'greater than', 'less than' or 'equal to.'

Our history topic for this half term is 'London's Burning' and, in geography, we explored the different countries in the UK and the natural features that we can find there.



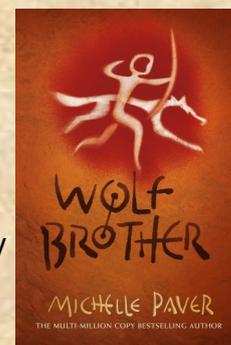
Class 3



We have had a lovely week in KS2! The children have started learning more about their topic on pre-historic Britain. We have been deepening our understanding of place value in maths and, in English, we have been continuing to look at the novel, 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver.

We've been really happy to welcome back Mr Stokell for our Thursday PE sessions, as well as Dave for our music sessions, and we can honestly say it feels as though we've never been away!

Next week we will be sending home log-in details for Century, Spelling Shed and Timestables Rockstars. Some of these will have changed since last year, so please check the details carefully. As ever, if there is every anything you would to discuss then please let me know.





Mrs Sarah Moore

Message from the Headteacher...

Parents' Evenings

We would like to trial having one longer parents' evening in the autumn term rather than a choice of two nights. Details for this year are as follows:

Autumn term: one date:

Tuesday 11th October 3.45-7pm: Main parents' evening and settling in discussion (where applicable) for **Nursery & Reception, Years 1 & 3**

Thursday 24th November 3.45-7pm: Main parents' evening for **Years 2, 4, 5 & 6**

Spring term: Choice of two dates:

Tuesday 28th March 3.30-5.30pm OR Thursday 30th March 5-7pm (all children)

On all occasions, parents can choose to have a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conversation on each occasion. Appointments will be arranged through the school office in the usual way.

Reception Baseline Assessment

Next week, the children in Reception will be completing the government's Reception Baseline Assessment. The baseline is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematical skills to help inform our teaching. This is **not** something they need to prepare for in anyway and most children won't even realise they are even doing it!

If you would like further information about this, please see the booklet from the Standards and Testing Agency, which is attached to this email.



Other news and information...

School Photographs

On **Friday 23rd September**, we have a photographer coming into school to take individual pictures and sibling group pictures. Pupils will receive an order form which will be in their book bags shortly after for purchase. Please let the class teacher know if you wish to have a sibling group photo or wish to discuss this further.



Wrap Around Care

We would like to remind parents to **book children into wrap around care in advance by the previous Friday of each week.** All bookings should be made by emailing the school office. If your child attends wrap around care regularly, it is fine to book ahead for the whole half term/term. **If you require care until 6pm on Thursday or Friday, you must give at least 1 week's notice.**

There are still some places left for children in Classes 2 and 3 in our **free** Wednesday Sports Club—please email the school office if you would like your child to join. Children will need their PE kit.

Murton Park visit to Stillington

On the morning of Wednesday 21st of September, a team from Murton Park will be talking to Class 3 children about what life was like in pre-historic Britain. Children will also be able to handle some replica artefacts from that era. Children from Foston, Terrington and St Hilda's CE schools will be joining us for this talk.

We are asking Class 3 parents for a **voluntary contribution of £5.00 per family** towards the cost of this visit. This is now on ParentPay. If you have any questions, please speak with Mrs Hunter.



Sporting Competitions:

We are very lucky to have made links with Malton School Primary School Partnership this year.

All children from Years 1 – 6 will have the opportunity to take part in the different events, which will be held on various Wednesday afternoons across the year. Children should come to school in PE kit on these days. On the day, your child will be taken from school on a bus and will be returned before the end of the school day. There may be times when your child/ children will be late as the bus may have to drop off at one of our other schools first.

For each competition, we will take **all children** in the specified year groups, not just the children chosen for the teams.

On Wednesday September 21st, we will participate in a KS2 football competition.

As the children will be at Stillington in the morning, they will have lunch there and travel to Malton afterwards. The bus will return children to their own school for around the usual pick-up time.

If there are any changes to this fixture list, you will be notified on the school bulletin or by email.

EVENT FIXTURE LIST

All Events take place on Wednesday Afternoons 1:15pm-2:45pm.

21st September - Football KS2 (Mixed & Girls competitions)

5th October- Football & Dodgeball Year 3/4

9th November- Netball & Basketball KS2

1st February- Indoor Multisports KS1

22nd February- Indoor Multisports KS1 (additional date, high numbers expected)

8th March- Basketball & Netball Year 3/4

22nd March- Football KS1

3rd May - Quick Rounders 3/4

21st June - Rounders KS2

5th July- Summer Sports KS1



'Flu Immunisation Programme

Please see attached letter about this year's child 'flu immunisation programme.

This will take place on **October 7th**. If you want your child to have this vaccine, you **must** complete the online consent through the link in this letter. Please note that this system is run directly through the NHS and school staff have no access to this.

Each school has a **unique code**: this is supplied in the attached letter.



Extra Bank Holiday

We would like to remind you that **Monday September 19th** will be an additional bank holiday for the late Queen's funeral. The school will be closed on this date and will reopen on Tuesday September 20th.





Changes to how we teach Reading

In line with updated government guidance, we have recently purchased a new reading scheme called '**Little Wandle Letters and Sounds**'. Little Wandle Letters and Sounds is a systematic, synthetic phonics (*SSP*) programme.

We teach phonics to children in Reception and Key Stage One daily. One of the changes is that the order in which we teach sounds to the children has changed slightly.

Support for Parents

Please click on the link below for information about our new phonics scheme. You will find useful videos showing you how to pronounce the sounds. In particular, notice how the children don't add an 'uh' sound at the end, so they say: 't' not 'tuh'. There is also information about how to help your child remember how to write their letters and say their sounds.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Find our full Reception and Year 1 teaching programme overview [here](#) to see what your child will learn and when.

Reception & Year 1: Reading Practice in school

Children in Reception and Year 1 have reading practice sessions twice a week, when they will read the same book. The first time we work on decoding (sounding out) the words and the second time we work on prosody (the patterns of stress and intonation), reading with expression, and comprehension. We read the books twice at school because we want to develop the fluency.



The more they see words, the quicker they begin to read them automatically without having to sound them out.

A Reading Practice Book – Collins Big Cat range

The following week the children will then take home the book they have read twice in their reading practice sessions to read at home. Books are in colour bands and are carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with very little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Listen as they read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

We recommend that **Reception & Year 1** children read for **5-10 minutes each night**. Please record this reading session in your child's planner.

Year 2: Changes to how we teach Reading

Children will continue reading the Big Cat books in Year 2 until they are secure in their knowledge of Phase 5 phonics and are reading these books fluently. They will then move onto turquoise banded books to read at home. Please make sure either you or your child writes in their planner each time they read.

We recommend that **Year 2** children read for **10 minutes or longer each night**.

2022 –23 KEY DIARY DATES



Date	Event
AUTUMN TERM 2022	
Mon Sep 19th	EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY
Wed Sep 21st	KS2 pre-historic Britain talk—am KS2 football competition in Malton—pm
Fri Sep 23rd	SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Thurs Oct 6th	Harvest festival TBC
Tue Oct 11th	EYFS, Reception, Y1, Y3 Parents' Evening
Oct 22nd-30th	HALF TERM BREAK—BACK TO SCHOOL ON MON OCT 31ST
Thu Nov 24th	Y2, Y4, Y5, Y6 Parents' Evening
Thu Dec 9th	Christmas Dinner & Parties
Thu Dec 15th	Christingle Service & Performance, 4:00pm
Dec 17th—Jan 3rd	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS—BACK TO SCHOOL ON WED JAN 4TH
Tue Mar 28th	Parents' Evening—All (<i>choice of either date</i>)
Thu Mar 30th	
Thu Mar 30th	Easter Service, 2:30pm
Apr 1st—17th	EASTER HOLIDAYS—BACK TO SCHOOL ON TUES APR 18TH
Tue July 4th	Sports Day (<i>reserve day Thu 6th</i>)
Thu July 20th	Leavers Service, 2:30pm