

Our final topic for the year is Fantastic Beasts. We are going to look at the real and the imaginary, traveling back in time to find out about animals that are extinct, and riding with unicorns on our own adventures. Thank you to everyone who sent back their Fantastic Beast interest sheets, I have tried to include as many of the children's ideas as possible in this term's planning.

Foundation Two

Foundation Two will be focusing on extended writing tasks. They will be looking closely at different genres of writing including adventure stories, instructions, recounts and poetry. We are having a big push on punctuating our sentences accurately using a capital letter and full stop, and we will be beginning to think more carefully about question marks and exclamation marks. I will be sending each child home with their own writing journal to encourage them to write at home, this could be anything from a list of their favourite toys to their own mini adventure story, as long as it's child initiated and most importantly fun. If they would like to share their journal with the class I will be putting aside some time on a Monday morning for the children to share their work.

In Numeracy we will be continuing to develop our mental maths strategies. We will be practising rapid recall of known number facts, including number bonds to 10 and doubles and halves to 10. We will also be applying what we have learnt in previous terms to solve real life problems involving simple addition and subtraction, and doubling and halving.

Foundation Two will be working very hard this term in preparation for transition into Class Two. The children will be spending time with Mrs Claxton and you will have the opportunity to meet Mrs Claxton and raise any questions you may have regarding your child's transition into Class Two.

Foundation One

Foundation One is getting very busy with the addition of three new pupils this term. We will therefore be splitting the group according to their year group with the older children working with Mrs Fleet, and the younger children with Mrs Barley.

Mrs Fleet's group will be beginning to think about moving into Foundation Two. They will be introduced to the reading scheme characters and will be spending a lot of time talking about the different characters and their adventures. They will also start to move away from the Number Zoo characters, recognising and ordering numbers to ten with less support. We will be continuing to work on pencil control activities in preparation for Reception, encouraging the children to hold their pencil and form their letters correctly, and working on short writing patterns. If you would like any support with this at home, please don't hesitate to pop in.

As the cloakroom is getting very busy we would appreciate all children saying goodbye to their parents at the door and sorting their lunchboxes and coats independently. This will help to aid congestion in the cloakroom in the morning, and ensure a swift start to the day.

Mrs Barley's group will be working on short speaking and listening activities. They will be thinking carefully about listening to the other children in their group, and playing games to develop their turn taking and sharing skills. We will continue to support your child with their developing independence, encouraging them to attempt tasks including dressing and undressing for PE and using a knife and fork at lunchtime, independently. We would really appreciate your support with this at home.

I am looking forward to a very fun and busy Summer Term with the children.

As always, please feel free to pop in at any time.

