

## Welcome to The Infant Curriculum Letter Autumn Term second half 2021

Teacher: **Miss Wilson**

On Tuesdays **Mr S** (Sports Coach) will also teach the class during PPA time (planning, preparation and assessment time). **Mrs Wittich** will also teach music each Tuesday and PE on a Wednesday afternoon.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below details of our curriculum for this half term.

**English:** This half term we will be exploring recounts and looking at a number of texts including Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne. We will also be working on building our vocabulary and writing our own verse, developing our understanding of poetry.

*Reading:* Children will be reading regularly at school and will also take part in guided reading and comprehension activities. **As an important part of your child's home learning, they should be reading at home every day.** The children should be reading with or to an adult. When they are reading, please make use of the activities and questions in the covers of the book. In their home school communication book, you will find a sticker explaining the skills that they should be working on as part of reading at home. By reading the book and working on the skills, the book will be kept for **two days**. It is important that over these two days you support your child in building their **reading fluency**. Comments on their reading and skills should be recorded every day in the Home School Communication book.

The children will also be bringing a library book home with them. This will be a book of their choice to enjoy at home. Please remember to return the book in order to be able to choose another one.

Children are also encouraged to take one of the books we have looked at in our assemblies home with them to read. Children will need to ask Mrs Wittich which book they would like to take home and then return the book to Mrs Wittich once it has been read.

*Spelling:* Spellings will be given to the children every Friday and tested the following Friday. **Weekly spelling words will be sent home in the Home School Communication books. Parents are expected to sign the sticker once it has been completed.** There will be daily phonics and spelling lessons in school taught either by myself or Mrs Wittich.

**Maths:** This half term we will cover a number of units in Maths this includes understanding and developing our knowledge of addition and subtraction.

*Times Tables:* Children in Year Two have times tables to learn. The activities will be set on *TT Rockstars*. Year Ones will begin learning their timetables soon. You can get them ready by continuing

to practise counting forwards and backwards in twos, tens and fives from any given number (between 0 and 100).

**Please ensure your child completes Mathematics activities each week. These activities will be set weekly on stickers in the Home School Communication book. Parents are expected to sign the stickers to show completion of tasks.**

**Science:** We are continuing to learn about *Animals including Humans*. We will also continue to work on working scientifically skills including observing, sorting and asking questions.

**Geography:** We are learning about hot and cold places this half term. We will identify hot and cold places as well as understanding why these places are hot or are cold. We will continue to use key vocabulary in our lessons.

**Art:** We will continue to learn about the work of Eric Carle and use his artwork as inspiration to create our own artwork. We will be creating a winter's scene in our final lessons before the end of half term.

**DT:** Last half term we were exploring different vehicles and how they operate. This half term we are going to make our own vehicle. We will be developing our DT skills including measuring and cutting.

**Computing:** We will be using Chromebooks in our Computing lessons. We will be learning about the internet and using it safely as well as exploring Purple Mash in our computing lessons. There will also be opportunities during our computing lessons for children to develop their touch typing skills.

**PE:** The children will be working on their sending and receiving skills. They will also be developing their dance skills focusing on counts, repeating actions and following pathways.

If your child has earrings, you will need to either provide medical tape to cover them or if possible come to school on PE days without earrings. This is part of the expected health and safety procedures of primary PE requirements.

**PSHE:** Our Jigsaw topic this half term is: Celebrating Difference. This will focus on celebrating everyone's differences.

Year One will be having their Jigsaw lessons with **Miss Wilson** and Year Two with **Mrs Rozier**.

**French:** In Infant class, we will continue to learn different words in French including the names of fruits.

**R.E:** We will continue to find out about festivals and the meanings behind them. We will be learning about Hanukkah and Christmas. We will also listen to some religious and moral stories, asking questions about them and finding out about the traditions they come from.

**Music:** With our winter show fast approaching, we will be learning our songs for the performance!

**Talk Time:** As a reminder every term, the children will prepare a 5-minute presentation at home. The presentation can be on any topic of interest to the speaker. The children can use resources such as pictures, objects or Google slides to support their presentation. There will then be a chance for the audience (the rest of the class) to ask questions and then feedback on the presentations they see. We have really enjoyed the talk time presentations so far and are looking forward to the following presentations. Please see Google Classroom for when your child's talk time presentation is if they have not yet had their presentation.

We would just like to remind parents that they are welcome to come into class after the school day to look at their child's learning. If you would like to look at your child's learning at any point please let

Miss Wilson know beforehand due to COVID restrictions and after school commitments. Please ensure you wear a mask when you are in the classroom. The classroom will be well ventilated.

**It is important that your child has a named clear water bottle with a sports lid in school every day. This will need to be taken home at the end of the day, washed and refilled.**

**All children should have a pair of named wellington boots. These are kept in the class boot box.**

**School uniform: Please ensure you name all items of clothing (including footwear) clearly. Any earrings should be small plain studs. Please make sure socks and tights are in line with our expected uniform.**

**Home learning: Please check the Google classroom and stream regularly for announcements and home learning. Instructions around home learning will continue to be explained in the Home School Communication book. This book should be used and tasks completed, signed and commented on five times a week. We will monitor the home learning completed and use your comments to help assess progress.**

If you need to contact me at all, please write a message in the Home School Communication book, arrange a meeting via the office, or send an email to [a.wilson@reed.herts.sch.uk](mailto:a.wilson@reed.herts.sch.uk). Of course, I will also be on the playground each morning and afternoon. Please note that emails may not get a response straight away, and any emails sent in the evenings and over a weekend/holiday may not be answered until the next school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss Wilson  
(Infant Class Teacher)