



Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome!

A warm welcome to you all. This newsletter aims to provide you with information about what your child is learning and what activities are taking place throughout the Autumn Term. If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact us. ☺

Who's Who

RA

Class teacher – Mrs Dudley

Teaching Assistants – Mrs Richardson (Mon-Wed), Mrs Fellows (Thurs and Fri)

PPA cover – Mrs Huggins (Wed pm)

RB

Class teachers – Mrs Richardson (Mon-Tues), Mrs Jukes (Thurs-Fri)

Teaching Assistant – Miss Walker

PPA and Management Cover – Mrs Craddock (Wed all day)

EYFS Curriculum

All information regarding our curriculum (including progression of skills documents) will be available on the class pages of the school's website. We plan learning opportunities around a Key Text for that week – for the first week we have been looking at 'Harry and the Dinosaurs Go to School'. Activities during independent are based around this text and are open to develop from children's interests.

Aside from independent learning, there are a number of teacher-led groups which take place throughout the week, including:

Daily Physical



We then get up and outside (weather permitting!) where our focus is to move our bodies, improve our core body strength, practice balancing, and work as part of a small group or team. Activities include; following the line, psychomotricity skills, playing games such as stuck in the mud.

Phonics



We follow Monster Phonics (a DfE validated systematic synthetic phonics programme) at Belle Vue. Phonics is taught as a whole class once a day for about 20 minutes. Information about this phonics scheme can be found on our website and further information for parents can be found at monsterphonics.com

Maths

We follow the White Rose Maths scheme of work which is in line with the rest of the school. The focus on this scheme is to understand the composition of number and to articulate findings out. Like phonics, the teaching is as a whole class and is around 20 minutes long. Please see the WRM's website has an extensive range of home activities that you can complete with your child.



Reading

Reading will take place twice a week within a small group for around 15 minutes. The reading is linked to the graphemes your child will have learnt that week through Monster Phonics. The book your child has read will then be sent home as an eBook. Information about how this will be done will be sent out separately by our Phonics lead shortly.

We will also be sending out 'reading for pleasure books' for you to read with your child at home. It is so important for children to have the opportunity to listen to you read which will ultimately help them to develop a love of reading.



Wednesdays

PE and Forest School will begin on Wednesday 21st September and continue every Wednesday thereafter.

Information will be going out separately about how the day will specifically run and what clothing your child will need to wear for Forest School.



Checklist

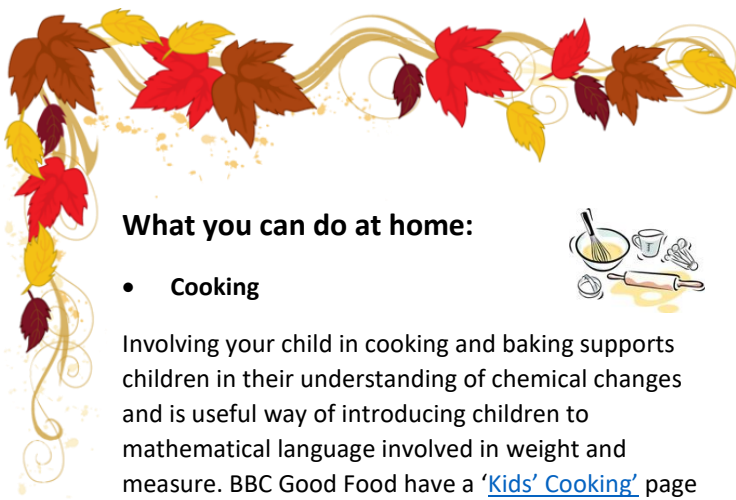
Everyday:

- Water bottle
- Book bag
- Lunch box / order a dinner
- Coat

To be kept in school:

- Wellies
- PE kit
- Spare change of clothes

LABEL EVERYTHING! 😊



What you can do at home:

• Cooking



Involving your child in cooking and baking supports children in their understanding of chemical changes and is a useful way of introducing children to mathematical language involved in weight and measure. BBC Good Food have a '[Kids' Cooking](#)' page with easy recipes for you and your child to make.

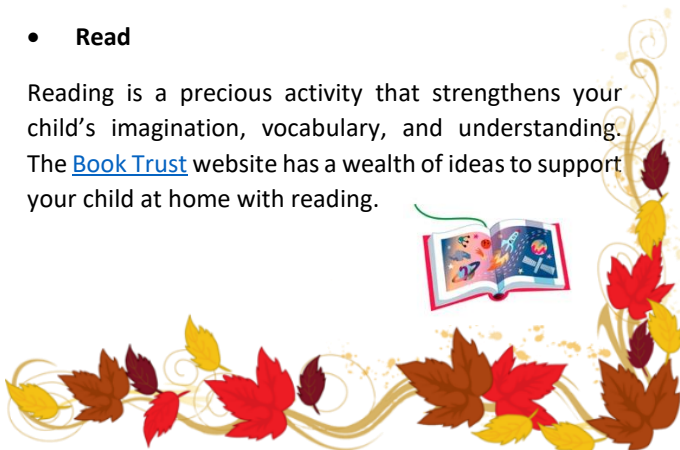
○ Go Outdoors



Getting outside with your children opens up endless opportunities for talk and extending vocabulary. See his blog of '[10 Things to Do this Autumn](#)' for some simple ideas of what you can do outdoors.

• Read

Reading is a precious activity that strengthens your child's imagination, vocabulary, and understanding. The [Book Trust](#) website has a wealth of ideas to support your child at home with reading.



Class Dojo

You should all have received a letter with confirmation about how to sign up to our online communication system, Class Dojo. Please can you make sure at least one member of your household is signed up to the App as we will be using this to send information about how to further support your child at home as well as brief information about what we have been learning during the week.