



Mansfield Primary Academy

Woodys and Buzzlightyears Classes Newsletter



Autumn Term 2019

Kinetic Letters

Kinetic letters is our new handwriting scheme that will be used in all year groups across the school. It helps to develop both gross and fine motor skills and develop handwriting presentation. We will be learning lots of animal positions which will help make our bodies strong using certain postures to help improve our handwriting. The positions will be called: Penguin, Meerkat, Gorilla, Stone Lion and Lizard.



Bug Club

We have a new reading scheme where children can access reading books online at home. Each child will have a unique username and password.

The online books will ask a variety of questions to help develop comprehension skills.

The website is:

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

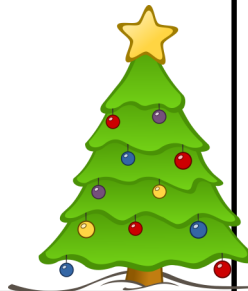
Christmas!

EYFS White Post Farm Trip to meet Santa: 3rd December

EYFS Production : 10th December

EYFS Christmas Stay and Play: 17th December

EYFS Party: 18th December



Marvellous Me!

During this term our focus topic will be Marvellous Me. This will provide all staff with an opportunity to learn about your child. During this topic children will have the opportunity to share information about their friends and families. Children will be given the opportunity to share photographs of their family members / carers alongside their favourite activities at home. Children will participate in a range of activities where they will be able to discuss their likes and dislikes. Children will develop their language skills through a selection of child initiated and adult led activities. They will gain the relevant skills to describe themselves and their abilities using positive terms. Towards the end we will be focusing on people who help us at home and in the community. The children will get the opportunity to meet with local services and ask questions about a variety of jobs. Finally we will hold a dream job dress up day before the end of term for children to discuss what they have learnt.

Spellings, Reading books and Homework

Homework will be focusing on Literacy and Mathematic skills. It will be handed out on a Friday but will need to be handed in by the following Wednesday for marking.

Reading books in the Woodys (F1) are changed on a Monday and Reading books in The Buzzlightyears (F2) are changed twice a week.

P.E Kits

PE will be on **Monday and Wednesday** so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on these days. However, PE could take place at any time, so it's easier if your child brings their PE kit in on a Monday and leaves it in school all week to take home Friday for washing, ready for the following week.



Stay and Play

Throughout the year we will run a variety of stay and play sessions for parents and carers to come into school and share learning experiences with their child. During this time all staff are available to answer any questions you may have regarding your child. Please see the key dates section for the arranged dates and times. We look forward to seeing you at Stay and Play.

Maths Vocabulary

Bigger

Smaller

Less

More

Please help your child to learn the above vocabulary as it is essential they understand this.



Dates for your diary

3rd September - Back to school

13th September - School Photographs

25th September– Stay and Play at 14.00

2nd October– Trip to Mansfield Palace Theatre

15th & 16th October - Parent/Teacher Meetings

18th October - Last day of Autumn term 1

21st October to 1st November - Half term break

4th November - INSET DAY

5th November - Back to school

3rd December - Trip to White Post Farm

10th December– Christmas Production 13.30

17th December - Stay and Play at 14.00 Christmas themed

18th December - Christmas Dinner

18th December– EYFS Christmas Party (non-uniform)

21st December - Last day of Autumn Term 2 Break up for Christmas

7th January - Back to school

We look forward to working with you and your child this half term.

*Miss Cotton, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Livingstone,
Mrs Brearley, Mrs Slack, Miss Garrity,
Mrs Pope, Miss Wagstaffe*