



Wagtail Class

Year 1 and 2 Newsletter for Term 2



This term our theme is 'Hot and Cold' and we will be finding out about hot and cold places around the world and some of the animals that live there. We will be visiting Bristol Zoo on Wednesday 20th November with the R/Y1/Y2

class from Oldbury-on-Severn Primary School and a letter with more details will be coming out this week. We will begin by finding out about Autumn and the weather where we live. We hope to go on an Autumn Walk down to the Tortworth Chestnut on Thursday 7th November in the afternoon. Come and speak to Miss Smith if you would like to join us.

There are more details about our learning on the curriculum map with this letter. We were really impressed by some of the Home Learning that the children brought in to share last term and we have some more suggestions of activities for this term. We will hold a 'Share Our Learning' assembly on **Thursday 5th December 8:45 – 9:15am** - everyone welcome.

Christmas is coming too and we will be putting on a Christmas production in the last week of term called 'Magical Christmas Journey'. More details to follow.

Other Information

- The Wagtail Class team is made up of Miss Smith, Mrs Baker, (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday all day and also Tuesday am), Mrs Kenny (Monday and Tuesday during Phonics) and Mrs Hughes (alternate Wednesday am and Thursday during Phonics). Alesha, an Early Years Student from Filton, will continue with us on Tuesdays and Thursdays and this term we are also joined by Charlotte Kavanagh, a teaching student from UWE.
- PE will be on **Tuesday** afternoons (Dance with Forever Sport) and **Friday** afternoons (Gymnastics with Miss Smith). For PE the children need a white t-shirt (or a t-shirt in their house colour), black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings and trainers for outdoors. Don't forget to remove earrings and tie back long hair for PE lessons.
- Don't forget to label **all** items of clothing, including coats and wellies, and PE kits clearly with your child's name. It really saves us so much time when anything gets mislaid. Also, please check that your child hasn't accidentally swapped their clothes with someone else whilst getting changed and brought their clothes home!
- We will be visiting the Wild Woods every **Thursday** and we may also be working outdoors on other days so please make sure that your child has long trousers, warm clothes such as hats, scarves and gloves, wellies and waterproofs in school at all times.

What you can do to help support your child:

- Make sure they read regularly to you – little and often is best. We encourage all the children in Year 1 and Year 2 to read to someone at home at least 5 times a week. They have a book matched to their phonic ability in their book bag and they can also read ebooks on Bug Club. If you are having any problems accessing Bug Club, come and speak to Miss Smith. It is a good idea to read these books 2 or 3 times before changing. Please write a short comment or draw a smiley face to show that they are ready for a new book. Year 1 and 2 children are asked if they need to change their books twice a week on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Also, it is still important to read more challenging texts to them and talk about the story or the information they have found out and the children will be choosing a book to bring home from the class Book Corner. We will also be visiting the School Library once a week on **Fridays** and the children are able to bring home up to two books.
- Spellings will be given out on **Fridays** and collected in on **Thursdays** and will be a mixture of **Challenge Words** (words such as **the, said, my** which are common but cannot be spelt correctly using phonics) and words following a particular phonic pattern.
- Maths homework will be given out on **Tuesdays** and collected in on **Mondays** and will provide an opportunity to practise counting, to learn addition and subtraction facts and, for Year 2s, to learn times table facts. There will also be suggested online activities to develop these skills.



Remember – any questions or concerns, just come and ask.

Miss Smith, Mrs Baker, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Kenny