



Pegasus Class Newsletter Autumn Term 1

Topic – Up, up and away

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to your first class newsletter! Firstly, I would like to thank you for all the work you put in over the summer holidays preparing your child for returning to school. All children have settled into school incredibly well and are excited and ready to restart their learning journey.

Our value for term 1 will be 'Friendship' which will tie in nicely with familiarizing ourselves with class rules and routines.

The topic for this term will be 'Up, up and away' (see topic web attached) and we will learn about space and space exploration, and people who made important contributions. Our role play area has become a space station and the children have already had much fun in it!

In Maths we will start a new maths approach called 'Maths No Problem'. This is a Singapore approach to maths focussing on number and place value. It uses the use of concrete resources when initially learning a new concept so children can physically move equipment to help in their understanding before moving into the pictorial and abstract. We will be holding parents evenings later in the term to share this approach with parents.

We are also planning for all KS1 children to do Field and Forest learning together. Once we have finalised plans then we will be able to share these with you. Mrs Rimmer and myself have already been on Phonics Training this term and we will be introducing a new scheme to Langley, but we will keep you posted on further developments.

A few things to remember as we start our first term together:

PE

Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 6th September – Please wear PE kits to school on both days.

Water bottles and Coats

Please ensure these are clearly labelled with your child's name. Children shouldn't bring sweet/flavoured drinks to school but just water.

Snacks

Fruit is available in the afternoons (free), please provide a healthy snack for morning break.

Home Learning

Please try and read regularly with your child at home and make a note in their Reading Record. Whilst we will have Guided Reading sessions at school, it is extremely difficult to read with each child individually every week, especially whilst we are unable to have volunteer helpers. Little and often is the best. Make sure that children bring their Reading folders with books and reading record to school every day

Practise phonics:

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/> and www.phonicsplay.co.uk has some free resources. Once children have been assessed, they might bring home specific phonemes for them to learn. I also will assign children books to read on Bugclub, which will give them the opportunity to read even more!

Maths: 20-30 min Mathematics

This year Mrs Svendsen will be our TA on a Tue, Wed, Thur and Fri. On Mondays, Mrs Stables will support Pegasus Class.

If you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

Mrs Nathanson