

Class 1

The Bliss Charity School



Term 2



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2!

It was so good to be back in school with the children last term and have a little piece of normality back. The children were so engaged with their topic and they seemed just as excited to be back at school as us!

During this term there will be lots to celebrate, with Bonfire Night, the changing of seasons and dare I say it ... Christmas!

Miss Churms and Mrs. Eales



Term 2 Topic: *Home Sweet Home*



Literacy: We will be using sparkers to inspire our onomatopoeia poetry before moving on to traditional tales. We will be exploring the tale of Hansel and Gretel, The Three Little Pigs and other characters in The Jolly Postman.

Maths: Our roleplay area is the Nether Heyford 'One Stop/Post Office' which will provide opportunities for the children to practise using money, weighing parcels etc. The children will also explore shape, addition, subtraction and numbers and look for examples in the world around them.

Science: We will be exploring materials with the help of 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children will sort and group materials according to their properties. We will then test the materials according to how waterproof, strong and warm they are!

DT: The children will be exploring how to join, build and fix structures before designing, planning and making their own model houses through junk modelling.

Geography: The children will be exploring the local area, looking at aerial photographs and maps. The children will also compare different houses and localities, thinking about human and physical features.

History: Our history focus will explore how houses have changed and developed through time.

Art: We will be looking at how to collage, with a focus on the artist Paul Klee. The children will also look at blending new colours and shades using oil pastels.

Computing: The children will learn how to create artwork on Paint, using all the program's features. They will be using *Google Earth* to find places in the local area and use creative tools to design a house.

Other subjects ...

Music: The children will be following the *Charanga* program and practise actions and dance moves for our Christmas performance.

RE: We will continue to think about Christianity, focusing on symbols, daily life and the individual Mary Jones.

PE: The children will be following the 'Real PE' programme on Tuesdays.

PSHE: The children will be following a programme that explores rules, expectations and friendships. They will also be participating in anti-bullying week.

Helping your child at home ...

Reading: Please encourage your child to share their school reading book at home and remind them to change their reading book when they need a new one. Please write in your child's reading record every time they read. Once a week, we will check the record and keep a record of how many times each child has read. If they read 5 times in a week they will move up the 'bookworm' (displayed in the classroom). When they reach the top of the bookworm (10 weeks) they will be awarded with a sticker in the back of their reading records during a in class celebration assembly.

Phonics: A weekly phonics sheet will be sent home on a Thursday focusing on sounds we have looked at that week. This is due back into school on the following Thursday.

Maths: Please continue to check MyMaths every week. New tasks and activities are put up every Friday. If maths homework is sent home in paper form instead, then I will still put a message on MyMaths stating this.

Please make sure your child's reading book and reading record are kept in their book bag at all times.

Class 1 information ...

We are still continuing with Welly Wednesdays come rain or shine! Please make sure your child has wellies in school to avoid muddy shoes at home time.

This year, children in Class 1 and Class 2 will be performing 'Prickly Hay' as the school's Christmas production. Due to current restrictions, the performance will be filmed separately and a copy of the finished video will be made available on our school website for you to watch and enjoy as a family. More information regarding this will be sent out later in the term.

Please can we also ask for some junk modelling materials – shoe boxes, smaller boxes (e.g. toothpaste boxes), tubes, egg boxes etc? The children will be using these to make their model houses. Please can we have these in school by Friday 11th December?

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please contact me via email and I will respond as soon as possible.

Miss Churms