

Newsletter

**Puffin Class - Teachers: Mrs Dale - All day Monday, Tuesday and Friday A.M.
Miss Davies – All day Wednesday and Thursday
LSA's Mrs Addison and Mrs Ardley HLTA: Miss Ford Friday P.M**

Welcome back Puffin class, what a great first term you had! I am very much look forward to teaching you all again and seeing what you achieve this term. Our theme will be '**Journey's**' where we'll be learning about everything from London buses to the first lady to fly across the Atlantic Ocean; Amelia Earhart. Please take time to look at our **Knowledge Organiser** which provides further **information about the learning and skills we'll be covering**

P.E

Our P.E session has changed to a **Friday afternoon**. Dellar sports will be delivering this session alongside Mrs Addison and Mrs Ardley.

The focus for the next term is Gymnastics and Dance!



Reading

We cannot stress enough the importance of this life skill! Our aim by the end of Reception is for children to read fluently and continue their love of reading and sharing stories for pleasure.

However, **we can't do this without you!** Reading doesn't just happen in the classroom, we need you to continue this at home. Research has shown that families that engage in reading at home can boost their progress by up to 5 months. Even 5 mins per day will make a difference. Children do not need to read a whole book in one sitting. You know your child the best, so do what works best for you.



We hope you have all managed to explore Bug Club. Please don't worry if your child has already read the book from school. Re-reading the same book is what will develop confidence and fluency when your child is reading. Don't forget to click on the bugs on the page to open up a question or game!

Clothing

Please ensure your child comes in suitable clothing for outdoor play. We go outside in most weather, so a warm coat, hat, gloves and even named wellies would be great!

Parent Workshop

This half term we hope to run a **writing workshop** which will help you support your child at home. This session will enable you to see where your child is at and support their next steps at home.

This will be on **Thursday 27th January at 10am** for approximately 30 minutes.

This will most likely be online and recorded.

Home learning



As well as reading 3 times per week, we will be introducing a home learning folder. The focus will be on mark making and letter formation. Many children are now forming recognisable letters and beginning to write their name. At this stage, it is imperative that children begin to form the letters correctly before the habit of forming the letter a different way becomes the norm.

These folders will go home after our writing workshop, where we will talk about how you can support early writing and how to motivate reluctant writers.