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Dear Parents

## Attendance

As we approach the winter months with more bugs around we ask you to please ensure children are here at school every day. The Department for Education (DfE) recommends that parents can send their child to school if they have a mild respiratory illness. This includes general cold symptoms such as a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, a child shouldn't be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.

Attendance Matters



If required parents can request that we administer medicine during the day, if that will help to ease symptoms (please see Jeanette for a medication form, if necessary). Please be assured that if children feel unwell during the day, and are struggling with lessons, then we will give you a call for them to be collected.

Please refer to the NHS website for further info. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

## This term's learning in science:

### Class 1



In the **Exploring Autumn** project, your child will go on a woodland walk to learn about the seasonal changes that happen in autumn. They will learn about birds and animals that live in the woods and how they survive as the weather gets colder. They will take part in practical and creative activities that will support them to learn about autumn.

### Class 2



In the **Digestive System** project, children will learn about the features of ecosystems. They will discuss the similarities and differences between food chains and food webs and discuss the challenges different ecosystems face from human activities such as pollution or natural events such as deforestation. They will then learn about the digestive system of humans and focus on the importance of good dental health.

### Class 3



In the **Properties and Changes of Materials** project, children will plan and carry out tests to determine the properties of a range of materials. They will learn about thermal conductors and insulators, the property of solubility and test various materials to discover which are soluble and insoluble. They will ask scientific questions about separating unusual mixtures and research to find out the answers.

## Book buddies

The children have been paired or grouped for book buddies to start again on a Friday afternoon. The children enjoyed sharing and discussing their book choices and we were really impressed with the older children's understanding, questioning and incredible story-telling skills this week.



## This week's class news ....



### Class 1

The Year 1 children have been finishing their All About Me booklets and are all really proud of their beautiful writing. In maths, they have been practising number formation, learning to count and back and to find numbers 1 more and 1 less. In Science, we have been exploring signs of autumn using the senses and explored this through blackberry playdough, making apple and blackberry crumble pots and stewing the apple on a fire in the wild valley area. We have also been looking at woodland creatures and their features which help them to survive in the wild.

**PE update: Class 1 should have their PE kit bag at school during the week for their PE sessions. Please also ensure your child has old long sleeve top, trousers and wellies in school for Wild Tribe.**



### Class 2

This week we took our history learning outside and role played the invasion of the Picts and Scots against the Britons. We learnt that The Angles, Saxons and Jutes (warriors from Germany) were initially hired to help fight the Picts and Scots but soon turned against the Britons to take over their land for the desirable fertile soil!



Class 2 have been working hard planning and writing their own Anglo Saxon Poems drawing inspiration from the 8<sup>th</sup> century poem; Beowulf.

**PE update: Class 2 now have PE on a Thursday afternoon, could children come into school in PE Kit please ready for more Netball fun!**



### Class 3

In English, we have been studying Greek myths and have started writing our own version of Thesus and The Minotaur. In Maths, we have started the addition and subtraction booklet and are currently consolidating our procedural knowledge of column addition and subtraction.



We really enjoyed looking at measuring temperatures accurately using a thermometer in Science. We managed to collate sets of accurate data with which we are going to compare and contrast using line graphs.

**PE update: Class 3 still have PE on a Friday afternoon, please could children come into school in PE Kit.**



## MUSIC

### Strings demo

In our whole school assembly on Tuesday, our music teacher, Barbara, will be joining us to do a demo of the range of string instruments children can learn to play, there will also be an opportunity for children to try out the cello and violin during lunchtime. Barbara teaches instrument lessons at school every Tuesday afternoon and is always keen to get children started. We've lots of children

who've been learning to play the violin and cello for several years now, who perform in school events and also take part in music festivals and local orchestras.

### Ukulele

Mr Rix teaches ukulele on Tuesday afternoons in each class for all our children.

### Guitar

Guitar teacher, Tom Lintall, also visits each Friday lunchtime to do small group lessons.

**Please contact Jeanette in the office if your child is interested in starting instrument lessons.**

**Head lice Alert!!** Please ensure children are checked regularly – many thanks for your support in making sure long hair is tied back which really helps to prevent further spread.

**Uniform** Reminder: No jewellery (bracelets, necklaces, rings) or nail varnish to be worn to school. For children wearing earrings these should be small studs please. Watches are allowed but must be taken off for PE.

Kind regards Sara Haden Headteacher