

Byland Class Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school - we hope you have had a lovely summer break. Thank you for all the lovely gifts we received at the end of term; it was very kind of you.

A very warm welcome for all our new pupils and parents to Sessay Primary School; we are very much looking forward to working with you.

Our main topic is **Hot! Hot! Hot! - Cold! Cold! Cold!** We will be looking at weather patterns around the UK and studying contrasting hot and cold environments. This topic will be closely linked to Pirates for EYFS children, if you have any costumes or pirate themed objects that you are willing to share with us that would be great!

In **Science** we will be studying the changing seasons. We will be learning the order of the seasons and looking at the main changes in weather, trees and animal behaviours which take place. We will be collecting some natural objects on our autumn walk for discussion back in the classroom, and we will be learning about animals which hibernate in the winter.

In **Literacy** we will focus on stories with familiar settings using the *Mog* series of books and then we will move onto pirate stories. We will be learning about the different parts of a story, whilst focusing on using capital letters and sentence structure. Reception children will take part in lots of **phonics sessions** tuning them into sounds around them before learning 'sounds' and learning to read.

Maths will start with lots of number recognition and ordering before moving onto addition later in the half term.

We will do **PE** on a Monday afternoon this term. Please make sure your children have an indoor and outdoor kit in school, as the weather is very unpredictable and we may be inside or out. That includes plimsolls for indoor PE please.

Homework

Reception children will bring their Learning Journeys home on a Friday - please add photographs and any drawings the children do over the weekend ready for them to talk about on a Monday morning. Sounds and reading books will follow.

Yr1 children will receive weekly spellings to learn on a Friday and tested the following Friday, over the next half term (when they are ready) they will also get a book review to complete after each story book.

All children in Reception will be read with 1-1 twice per week and Yr 1 once per week, they will also do guided reading in Yr 1 and Reception will join in as they are ready. Children will all have their books changed twice per week if they have been read with at home and a book review has been completed (Yr1). Please write in your child's comment book so we know if you have read or not.

As always if there is anything you wish to discuss we are always available, please pop in!

Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison ☺

