



Byland Class Newsletter – Summer 1 Term 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. We hope you have had a lovely Easter break.

Our **Topic** for this term is **Space** which we are very excited about. As well as studying the different planets, we will be learning about famous astronauts such as Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. We will also be designing our own space clothing and inventing our own aliens!

In **Science** we will be learning all about plants. We will be learning about the different parts of plants and their roles, and we will be carrying out an investigation to discover what healthy plants need to live and grow. We will also be studying the structure of some wild and garden plants which will enable us to create some observational drawings.

In English the Y1 children will be describing story settings and learning about the composition of stories. They will be writing their own version of *Whatever Next!* by Jill Murphy and will be learning the rules for the suffixes *er* and *est*. They will continue their work using different connectives and adding more details to extend their sentences.

The Reception children will familiarise themselves with the stories through role-play activities, which will include creating their own puppet shows! They will be thinking about the different characters and will complete writing activities linked to them. They will be focusing on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in their sentences.

We will continue with our daily phonics sessions following our *Little Wandle* scheme where the children will learn continue learning alternative graphemes for a sound along with more tricky words.

The Reception children will continue with their *Little Wandle* work and will join in with the activities based around our class text. They will be consolidating the sounds they have learnt so far and using these to read longer polysyllabic words. There will also be new tricky words to learn which will be placed on your child's keyring for practise at home.

In **Maths** we will be finishing our previous topic on Measurement by looking at Mass and Capacity. This will be followed by Multiplication and Division. Reception children will look at Mass and Capacity before moving onto Place Value to 20 and using this knowledge to support them in grouping and sharing.

This term **PE** will be on a Monday, we will be doing 'Running and Jumping'. Please make sure your child has shorts, t-shirt and a tracksuit in their PE bag as we will be outside and it still can sometimes be chilly. Please leave PE bags in school on a weekly basis as we do another short session on a Thursday.

Our question in **RE** is 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?' We will be learning about the religion of Islam and the ways of life, and beliefs of Muslim people.

Forest School sessions will continue on Tuesday's with Mr Houghton. The children should still bring with them warm outdoor clothing even though we hope the weather is starting to turn for the better! Please provide a pair of named wellies to be worn for Forest School and for our outdoor area if you haven't already done so. Ideally, wellies should be left in school.

Homework

We will send **Reception** learning journeys home each week for you to add to over the weekend. This is really important for weekend news and a vital part of your child's assessment. The children really enjoy sharing what they have been doing at the weekends with the rest of the class each Monday morning.

We will continue to send observations via 'Evidence Me' each half term. When your child is one of our target children they will also have a large A3 sheet in their learning journey for you to share with them.

Yr1 - The children will continue to receive spellings each Friday which will be on Google Classroom. In addition, the children can access activities on Spelling shed from home to support their spelling knowledge. Please continue to support your children with reading at home on a regular basis - this really does make such a difference to their confidence and fluency.

Reading

The children have worked hard with learning their tricky words and we are pleased with their progress in recognising and reading these. Please continue to support your child with these as there will be lots of new tricky words to learn this term. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

We will continue with our daily 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised' phonics programme for both Reception and Year 1s. On a Wednesday or a Thursday, the Year 1 and Reception will bring home a new Little Wandle book which they will have previously read at school. Your child will be familiar with the text and should be able to read their book without any help, but if they cannot read a word please do support them. The books will be collected in on a Monday ready to start a new Little Wandle book on Tuesday. Please can you record in your child's reading record when they have read at home to let us know how they have done. In addition, your child will bring home another reading book for pleasure to share with you.

We will continue to issue notices and reminders using Class Dojo so please do look out for them. Please continue to message us with any queries or questions relating to your child and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

If on any occasion, you would like to speak to us rather than message then please let us know via Dojo and we can organise a mutually convenient time.

Please bring caps daily and apply sun screen to your children before school as the weather hopefully starts to improve. (Please note we cannot apply sun cream to your children)

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison 😊