



Byland Class Newsletter - Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! We hope you and your families are all well and have had a lovely Summer break.

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

Our topic this half term is '**All About Me**'. The children will spend time getting to know their new friends and learning about the routines of the school day.

Each week we will focus on a different theme. We will learn about ourselves, our families, where we live and our community and how to keep ourselves healthy.

In **maths** we will start with matching and sorting and then move onto measure and patterns. Towards the end of the half term we will focus on numbers 1 to 5.

Phonics / Reading

Our school has chosen 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised' as our systematic, synthetic phonics (SSP) programme to teach early reading and spelling.

We would like to invite you to our Early Reading meeting on **Tuesday 19th September at 5pm** where we will share how this scheme works and how you can support your child at home with their phonics and reading. This is a highly informative evening and we would appreciate it if everyone could attend.

This term **PE** will be on a Wednesday afternoon. Please bring your child's PE kit in a named bag with both indoor and outdoor kit into school this week. Please provide dark joggers, school hoodie and trainers as well as shorts and t-shirt.

In **RE** we will be thinking about 'Which stories are special and why? We will be listening to and acting out stories from the Bible. Our Collective Worship theme this half term is 'Friendship'.

Forest School sessions will take place on a Monday afternoon with Mr Houghton. The children should bring with them warm outdoor clothing (joggers/ thicker socks) their school uniform on the top half is fine including coat and layers. Please provide a pair of named wellies to be worn for Forest School and for use in our outdoor area. Ideally, wellies should be left in school.

We have set up **Class Dojo** and sent out invites for you to join. Many thanks to those of you who have accepted the invite and joined already. Class Dojo is for you to see what we have been up to and for little notices to be issued. You can also contact us using Dojo with any questions or queries or you can catch us at drop off / pick up if you would prefer to talk to us in person.

Many thanks

Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison 😊