

## Fountains Class Newsletter Autumn 1 2023

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school and we hope everyone has had a lovely summer .  
**For English** this term, the children will use the following texts:



*The Suitcase* by C. Naylor-Ballesteros    *The Visitor* by A.Damm    *Rabbityness* by J. Empson  
We will also look at the following non-fiction texts:

*Diary of a Wombat* by J. French and B. Whatley  
*Waiting for Goliath* by A.Damm

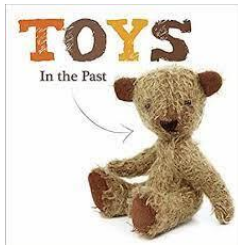
Children will write about stories on the theme of 'Feelings'. For non-fiction they will write recounts based on animal diaries. Year 1 will continue to practice the cursive handwriting style and year 2 will begin joining letters if they are ready. In Reading all children will continue with the Little Wandle Phonetically decodable Reading Scheme as well as take an additional book alongside.

**In Maths**, we follow the White Rose scheme. Year 1 children will deepen their knowledge of Place Value within 10, plus complete additional challenges. They will work on Addition and Subtraction, Part-whole, Number sentences, and Fact families.

Year 2 will work on place value, addition and subtraction, as well as complete additional challenges.

**Our PE days are Tuesday afternoons, and Forest School is a Monday afternoon with Mr Haughton.**

**Our PSHE theme** is 'Being me in my world' and will include work on; Hopes and fears for the year, Rights and responsibilities, Rewards and consequences, Safe and fair learning environment, Valuing contributions Choices and Recognising feelings



**Our Topic** theme this term is 'Past and Present' and through this topic we will look at Toys through time. We will link this to the toys that Victorian children played with, and in turn look at life in a Victorian school.



**In Science** we will study – Animals Including Humans. We will identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.

In **Computing** our learning is based around Online Safety and exploring Purple Mash.

### **Homework**

Each Friday, all the children will have new spellings to take home and learn, ready for a spelling test the following Friday. Year 2 will start this next week while Year 1 will be eased in gently! We will start with spellings in a little book but hope to be up and running on Google classroom very soon.

Children will continue to take home their Little Wandle reading books. This will be on a Thursday, so children can read over the weekend and return on a Monday.

Year 2 children will begin to bring home a CGP book with additional tasks to complete, either in English or maths but we will let you know when we will start this.

### **Notes**

Please can children bring a sun hat to school while we are experiencing this hot weather. We will continue to keep you up to date with messages etc on class Dojo. Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Wishes from Mrs Jackson and the Fountains Team!

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