

Loatlands Phase 1 News

Terms 3 & 4 Newsletter
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Welcome back!

The children across Phase 1 have settled happily back into school routines and are enjoying all the exciting new topics we will be learning about this term and next.

This newsletter will provide information regarding learning, curriculum and events happening in Reception and Year 1 for your information. I have included a list of the stories and books we will be using as stimulus for our learning so you can talk to your children about our topics at home too.

PE days within the phase

Please remember that **all** children need a PE kit in school, long hair needs to be tied back and earrings must be removed. Reception will be having lessons with our visiting PE expert Vicky who works alongside the class teachers. In year 1, Mrs Johnson will be taking all the children for dance on a Wednesday based on the classical music 'The Planets' by Holst. On a Friday, Mrs Cross and Mrs Greenwood will be teaching the children dodgeball skills and yoga over the next two terms.

Class	PE Days
Reception	Tuesday afternoons
Year One (Allberg)	Wednesday morning and Friday afternoons.
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Reading

It was wonderful to see so many parents were able to make it into school for Jeffers class and Ahlberg class stay and read sessions in the library. Thank you for your support in reading it was lovely to see how well behaved and engaged the younger siblings were too!

Please continue to make sure every child has their book bag (not a backpack as they don't fit in the drawers) in school with their reading book and reading record every day.

It is a school expectation that every child will read at home daily and their reading record will be written in by their parent/carer every time, thank you.

Reception children will continue to change their reading books with their carer in the mornings, no more than twice a week. Year One children will continue to change their reading books as and when they need to by placing it in the drawer in the classroom. Children will move up a reading band when the teacher is happy they can read with 95% accuracy.

Other news

Jeffers Class have welcomed a student teacher to work alongside Mrs Cross for the next two terms. Miss Eaton is from Northampton University and will be with us until March 15th.

Forest School

The children in Year 1 have completed their first term of Forest School, they have really embraced these sessions and are always willing to try new experiences. Thank you for sending your children with their kits each week, we will continue to go out in all weathers so please make sure that as the weather continues to be

cold and wet, that the children have old clothes and coats, a second coat on wet days is very useful. We have been introducing tools to the children such as peelers and bow saws, this term we have also looked started to look at the secateurs. We have had campfires and discussed a lot about fire safety. The children are really demonstrating great creativity, independence and teamwork, determination and perseverance when they are learning their new skills such as den building and tying knots etc. Lots of fun and learning has been had by all!

Curriculum overview for Term 3 and Term 4

Year Group	English Focus	Maths Focus	Topic Focus
Reception Term 3	<p>Quality Texts Supertato Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet How to save a Superhero by Carol Hart and Ed Eaves My Mum is a Supermum by Angela McAllister</p> <p>Types of writing Writing in our journals about exciting events. Story retelling using the books we are learning about.</p>	<p>Number: Counting and recognition of numbers to 20</p> <p>Shape, Space and Measure: Size, weight and capacity.</p>	<p>It is all about Superheroes in reception this term. We are going to spend a week focusing on imaginative superheroes as well as real life heroes such as Police, Fire and Ambulance.</p>
Reception Term 4	<p>Quality Texts Red Riding Hood Elves and the Shoemaker The Enormous Turnip The three Pigs Jack and the Beanstalk</p>	<p>Number: Consolidating the number between 11-20. Addition and Subtraction.</p> <p>Measure: 3d shape</p>	<p>This term will be all about Traditional Tales. We will be learning to retell some key stories and transferring them to our writing.</p>
Year 1 Term 3	<p>Quality Text Whatever Next by Jill Murphy The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers</p> <p>Types of writing Story retelling and writing an information text including labels and captions.</p>	<p>Number Adding and subtracting numbers within 20. Place value of numbers within 50. Multiples of 2, 5 and 10.</p>	<p>We are learning all about space in Year 1. We will be finding out about our solar system, planet names, gravity, looking at clips from the International Space Station and finding out about the moon. We will be learning about what astronauts eat in space and making rockets out of junk materials.</p>
Year 1 Term 4	<p>Quality Texts Pesky Plastic – An environmental Story – Leticia Colon de Mejias Look after your planet – Lauren Child.</p> <p>Types of writing Story retelling and writing an information text including labels and captions.</p>	<p>Number Multiplication and division Length and mass.</p>	<p>We will be learning all about how to 'save our planet' and environmental issues next term. A hot topic on the news is plastic in our oceans and recycling. This topic leads on beautifully from our work on space and planets. We are hoping to arrange some visitors to come and talk to us.</p>

Homework (Year 1 children)

Pick and Mix homework has now been sent home for the children to complete. We will continue to mark this orally with the children in a celebration session, where they can show off all their amazing work.

I am looking forward to seeing the children enthusiastic about our new exciting topics, and being involved in lots of fabulous learning this term,

Mrs N Cross- Phase 1 Leader.