



Buttercup class Newsletter

Autumn 2

Fire Fire

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely half term holiday. The children have quickly settled into life in Reception and are all very excited and engaged in their learning. This half term's topic is Fire Fire. A topic map is attached.

Wow certificates

The children have been very proud to share their achievements from home. Thank you for all those who have loaded photos on Tapestry. We know how busy family lives can be, and that this might not always be possible. We are therefore sending home wow cards that you can fill out to share your child's wow moments from home if this is easier. If you need more cards, you can find these in a plastic folder beside the classroom door or on the Buttercup class page of the school website. These will be displayed on the notice board at the entrance to the Reception classes. Every term these will be removed and stuck into the children's learning journey files.



House Badges

The children have now all been allocated to one of the four houses (Spitfires, Hurricanes, Lancasters or Concorde). Their buddy is also in the same house. The children all thoroughly enjoyed learning about their house planes and taking part in house activities during House Day on the last day of Autumn 1. The children will complete games in their houses (different year groups) during winter sports day and compete together during sports day. They can earn house points for good work, effort, excellent learning behaviours and helping others (linked to Buttercup's monster points) Each house has their points score added up across the school by the house captains. Every Monday the House that has earned the most points for the previous week will get to stand up in assembly and sing their house song together. The house team that earns the most points over half term will get to have extra playtime.

The children were given house plane pins. Please can you store these in a safe place at home. The children will be asked to wear these badges to school during special house days throughout their time at Duxford Primary School (Reception to year 6).

Clothing

Please could you ensure your child is wearing a coat to school and that they have a labelled hat and pair of gloves, as the weather is now much colder. The children have free flow access to the outside learning environment and will also complete learning challenges outside. Appropriate clothing is essential to protect against the cold.

Grandparents day

On Friday 24th November, the children's grandparents are very welcome to come in to visit school. They will hear some of our nativity songs, have a tour of the school, as well as getting time to spend with the children in the classroom. If for any reason grandparents can't attend, they are welcome to send a picture or email and these will be displayed in the corridor. The children get the opportunity to see the email and talk about their grandparents. We will also be reading books about grandparents on this day too.

Nativity

Reception children will be working with Year 1 and Year 2 children in the Prickly Hay nativity. The nativity production will be held on Wednesday 6th December and Thursday 7th December. Tickets will be available closer to the time for this event. More details will follow in Airwaves.

Home learning packs and home learning grids

The children were given home learning packs before half term. These packs contain resources for you to support your child's learning at home. Please could you try and read with your child every day. Understandably this is not always possible but it will make a big difference. Please record in the red reading record book what book you read together as well as things your child was interested in, any things you talked about and things they may have found tricky. We will also write a brief note whenever we read with your child. Remember you can spend time doing reading games as well. It is encouraged that these sessions are short, fun and interactive. Don't forget to talk to your child about what is happening in the pictures to aid their comprehension skills.



The Reading Record Book and Oxford Reading tree books should be brought into school every day. This is so we can change the books and write our notes in the red Reading Book if we read with them. They will not be given new books until their old ones are returned in their book bags. The other resources in the home learning pack can be kept at home for your own use. We will aim to change the books at least every Tuesday and Friday.

Attached is also a copy of the home learning grid. This is a menu of home learning tasks for this half term. Please choose one main task to complete each week and record in the purple home learning books. Challenges are optional extras. Please make sure the home learning book is handed into school each **Wednesday** so there is time to mark it ready for it being given back out on Friday. In school we have been learning to take pride in the neat presentation of work. We would encourage the same within these home learning books.

Junk modelling materials

The children are really engaged in creating things with the junk modelling materials. Please could you send in any spare cardboard or plastic packaging if you no longer need it?

Parent helpers

If any of you have a spare morning or afternoon and would like to come in and do reading or complete mark making games or activities please do let the office know. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to us. We are all very excited for the term ahead!

Kindest regards

Miss Kerr