

Butterflies Class

Important information



Autumn term themes: 'Through the Years'
We will focus on the history of toys this half term
and the geography of our school
for the second half of the Autumn term.

If the children would like to bring any books, artefacts or information that could help us with our topic, this would be great but please make sure they are clearly labelled so they can be returned and be used safely in line with current guidance.

Children's Questions

- What is your favourite toy?
- What are they made from?
- Why weren't there computers in the past?
- What did children play with 100 years ago?
- Where is our school?
- How old is our school?
- Can you find our school on a map?
- Has our school always been in the same place?

Other Information (trips and events)

AUTUMN TERM 2021

- Thurs 2nd September 2021 - Children in Years 1-6 start school
- Thurs 21st October 2021 - Children finish at normal time for half term
(Half Term - Friday 22nd October to Friday 29th October 2021)
- Mon 1st November 2021 - Children return to school
- Mon 6th December 2021—INSET Day - School closed
- Fri 17th December 2021 - Last day of Autumn term - Children finish at 1pm
(Christmas holidays - Mon 20th December 2021 to Mon 3rd January 2022)
- Tues 4th January 2022 - INSET Day - School closed

SPRING TERM 2022

- Wed 5th January 2022 - Children return to school

Butterflies Autumn Term Overview

'Through the Years'



<p>English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost in the Toy Museum • Pinocchio 	<p>Maths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place value within 10 • Addition and subtraction within 10 • Shape • Place value within 20 	<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyday materials • Changing seasons- Autumn and Winter
<p>Computing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Online Safety (Education for a Connected World) • Online Safety and exploring Purple Mash • Animated Story Books 	<p>DT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Our Fabric Faces' 	<p>Art</p> <p><u>Artist of the month:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept: Phyllida Barlow • Oct: Sean Charmatz • Nov: Henri Matisse • Dec: Anthony Browne
<p>History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigating and comparing old toys with modern toys 	<p>Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring our school 	<p>PE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundamentals • Team building • Gymnastics
<p>RE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is Harvest a worldwide celebration? • What do Christians believe God is like? • Why is Christmas important? 	<p>PSHE</p> <p><u>Jigsaw</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being Me in my World • Celebrating Difference 	<p>Music</p> <p><u>Composer of the month:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept: John Williams • Oct: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart • Nov: Bob Marley • Dec: Bing Crosby

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the summer break, we hope you all had a good rest.

Overview:

Please find enclosed information regarding topics and timetables. The themes for this term are 'Through the Years'. On the overview opposite, you will see the themes that your child will be working on, and the other curriculum areas which will also be covered. Communication is very important between home and school and at Stepgates Community School, we want you to be fully informed.

Home Learning:

Please refer to the "Expectations for Home Learning 2021-2022" document, issued electronically via Teacher2Parents on 17.09.21 for further exemplification.

School Uniform:

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct **school uniform** at all times and on Wednesday's, when Year 1 have PE, your child comes to school wearing their full PE kit, which includes clothes for warmth as we will be holding sessions outside where possible. Forest Schools kit lists for sessions on Wednesdays can also be obtained from Mrs Pope, Forest Schools leader if required.

Water Bottles: Even though the weather is cooler, please encourage your child to bring a bottle of water - labelled with their name - into class to ensure they can have a drink during lesson time and throughout the day.

Meet the Teacher - **On Thursday 23rd September at 2.45 pm**, there will be an opportunity to attend a "Meet the Teacher" meeting to talk about the expectations in Year 1 and any other topics you wish to know more about. Please note, we will be unable to answer specific concerns regarding individual children at this time - if you wish to speak in greater detail about matters concerning your child, an additional meeting will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time.

We have high expectations of the children in Butterflies and wish to celebrate their success. Your child will be rewarded in class with stickers, certificates and raffle tickets. These rewards will be given for effort and good behaviour and we know that you will enjoy sharing their achievements. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we look forward to seeing you later on in the term. If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to email us directly on the email address listed below.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Campbell

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