



MINERVA NEWSLETTER 5

13th November 2020

Welcome to term 2

We have only been back two weeks and so much learning has happened across the school. I have had the pleasure of listening to poetry written by children in Y6, saw children applying their new sound knowledge to choose items to make a Gruffalo crumble in reception and joined a Y5 TEAMS science lesson with children in school and those who are needing to isolate at home.

Thank you for quickly supporting the change in expectation in wearing face coverings when dropping and collecting children at school. The safety of our whole MPA community remains a priority.

In school we continue to promote good hand and respiratory hygiene and the need to maintain distanced from other people- '*hands, face, space*'

If your child or children need to self-isolate, you will find daily learning on each year group TEAMS channel. This will be the same learning that is happening in class. Some year groups are also delivering live lessons. A lot of children have already missed a large amount of learning this year so it is important, if your child is well enough, they engage with the learning that is provided online. Our blended approach will continue through this pandemic.

If you need help setting up a Microsoft 365 email or TEAMS channel we can help. We have already emailed guidance and now have a film on how to set up delivered by Mrs Hill.

Stay safe

Jenny Harvey (Principal)

STAFFING UPDATE



We welcome Mrs Massey back from maternity leave. The children were delighted to see her! She is currently teaching in Y2 with Miss Shingfield.

Mrs Platts, Nursery has decided to start her maternity leave early. We wish her well and look forward to baby photos.

WELCOME

We have appointed Mr. Greenwood who will cover Mrs Platts and also teach across the school.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

16th -20th November

Next week the children will be taking part in Anti Bullying week - This year's theme is United Against Bullying - We will be talking to children about what bullying can look like and how to stop it safely.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 17th December

Last day of Term 2 for pupils

Friday 18th December

INSET day

Monday 4th January

INSET day

Tuesday 5th January

First day of Term 3 for pupils

DROP OFF ARRANGEMENTS

During coronavirus pandemic it's really important that your child arrives to the school on their specific entrance slot so that we can keep the integrity of class bubbles throughout the school.

If you miss their slot please wait outside the main school reception keeping 2 metres distance from other families.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!



FAMILY CHALLENGE!

How many different ways can you find to measure 2 metres using household objects?

EG: 2 metres is the same distance as 9 1/2 standard chocolate Toblerone laid end to end !



ECO WARRIORS

This year we would like to focus on becoming a more sustainable school - for today and for the future. Each term we will be focusing on ways in which we can do this both at home and at school.

This term's focus is: **Saving energy**. Each class will have an energy saving representative who will be responsible for reducing energy usage in class.

We will also be creating posters to help educate others about energy saving. At the end of each term an award will be given to the class who have demonstrated the most sustainability.

Children can also participate at home through our home challenge:

Home challenge :

Can you be an energy saving expert?

- Carry out a home survey (see attached sheet) to see where you can save energy in your home.
- See if you can make 5 changes to your home usage.
- Research 3 ways saving energy helps the environment and create a PowerPoint

MISS RODEN'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival



Meesha loves making things but there's one thing she finds difficult to make - friends. The perfect picture book for helping children to navigate social situations and understand how to be accepting and inclusive of others. From the bestselling Big Bright Feelings series by Tom Percival.

Thank you to B and Q in Longwell green who donated some plants for our staff room to brighten it up and support our staff's wellbeing.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The money raised from our 'Cats and pumpkins' Halloween dress up day has been counted by Friends of Minerva and you raised £134.59!. Thank you for your support!

