



EYFS Autumn 2022

Newsletter



We would like to offer you all a warm welcome to Furness Vale Primary School. The children have all had a fantastic start to the new term and, for some, a new school and have settled in really well. This week we are getting to know each other and this will be part of our topic this term which is 'All about me'.



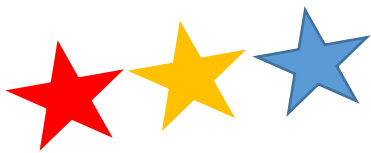
Snack

A snack of fruit, milk or water is provided although if your child would like to bring their own healthy snack to school, this is fine too.

Uniform

If you haven't already done so, please clearly label all uniform, coats, gloves, hats etc. As you can appreciate it is hard to locate items with no names on. We do encourage the children to put any items of clothing/belongings on their peg or in their box throughout the day so hopefully they will become familiar with this throughout the school year.





Shining Stars at Home



If your child does anything amazing at home such as, sleep in their own bed all night, eats all their tea, tries a new food or does something for the first time. Please fill out the slips we have given you and send them back to school so that we can celebrate with everyone at carpet time and pin them up on our 'shining stars' board.



Read Write Inc. (Phonics)

We have been following the Read Write Inc. program for 3 years and it has proven to be a successful and exciting way of learning to read and write. The program is fantastic! It helps the Reception children learn the correct letter formation, letter sounds, blending and segmenting and also provides them with a love of reading. The children in Reception will have regular morning sessions which will increase in time as the year goes on. Our Nursery children are also introduced to the program, these are short and the focus is mainly on letter sounds.

As the children start the Read Write Inc. programme he/she will most probably come home telling you all of the new sounds he/she is learning. We will send you some clips of the letter sound videos through Class Dojo so you can understand the sounds they are learning. Please encourage this and for any further support, please contact/speak to Myself or Kayleigh.

We will have an open morning/afternoon and tell you all about it in due course. It is so important during the early years of development that your child is read to on a regular basis even if it's the same storybook over and over again 😊.

The children will be sent home with a story book of their choice in the first term until they are able to read simple sentences independently. These books will be changed once a week.

Furness Fred

In the coming weeks of the term, instead of show and tell, we will be sending Furness Fred home with a child. You will take pictures of the adventures he goes on and write about it and in time as your child starts to learn to read and write, they will write his diary. Kayleigh and your child will sit at the front of class and tell us all about the displayed photographs. Every child in the class will have the opportunity to do this so please do not worry.

Toys

We know the children like to bring toys/objects from home in to school to show their friends but please could you persuade them not to. If they lose their toy/object in school, it is very hard to find it again and I do not want your child to be upset. There are lots of toys in our department for them to play with 😊.



Class Dojo is our way of communicating with you and letting you know what the children have been up to and it's also a way for you to communicate with me in case you have any questions/concerns. It is private so please do not worry about other people reading it. We will be also using dojo as a reward system so you can see what your child is being rewarded for. I will try and set you all up by the end of the first week. Please let me know if you have any problems.

Rewards

We have a star of the day sticker presentation on a daily basis. We also give stickers out during the day. The children have a sheets of Superstar labels which we will fill out for anything amazing they do within their play. As part of a whole school reward, the children may be given dojos through our Class Dojo and there will be a reward for the class who has the most at the end of the week. On a Friday afternoon, we have a well done assembly, where one child is chosen from Reception and Nursery to accept a certificate in front of the school for their achievements that week.



Forest School



During this term, we will be taking the children out one afternoon a week to take part in forest schools. Please could you send in a pair of wellies for your child to wear and leave them at school if possible.



PE

PE this term will be on a Wednesday afternoon please send in their kits which is a plain white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms and a pair of pumps or trainers. This will be kept in school until the end of each term.

Homework

The children will be given a homework book which will have work for them to do. We will be send homework through Class Dojo. This will enable you to see their homework online and also you can upload their work on there too and we will show the class. The homework will be available on a Friday and should be handed in by Thursday. The children may enjoy completing the homework, they only have to choose one of the three tasks but it is optional as they are only young. We will celebrate some of the work they have done on a Friday afternoon or in assembly.



Friday 'Story Morning' 8.45 - 9.00

Once the children have settled in, we are going to start a Friday Story Reading morning to help encourage the children's development of a 'love for reading'. You will be invited to come in for five minutes or fifteen minutes to read a story to your child before the bell goes.



We hope we have given you all the information you need, please do not hesitate to contact me through Class Dojo at any time and I will get back to you as soon as I can.