



EYFS Autumn 2023

Newsletter



I would like to offer you all a warm welcome to Furness Vale Primary School. I have really enjoyed getting to know the school and the class, the children have all had a fantastic start to the new term and for the new children in our class, it has been great watching them settle in so well. Our topic this term which is 'All About Me'.



Snack

A snack of fruit, milk or water is provided, however 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, eat all their tea, tries a new food or does something for the first time we would like to celebrate it. Let me know on Class Dojo.



Read Write Inc. (Phonics)

We have been following the Read Write Inc. program for 4 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 for 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, they will most probably come home telling you all of the new sounds they are learning. Please encourage this and for any further support, please speak to myself or Judy on the gate or through Class Dojo.

We will have an open morning/afternoon to 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

This term, instead of show and tell, we will be sending Furness Fred home with a child. You can take pictures of the adventures he goes on and/or write about their weekend together and as your child learns to read and write, they will be encouraged to write in his diary. We will share his adventures on Monday with the class. Every child 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 or 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 hopefully have set you all up this week, but please let me know if you have any problems.

Rewards

We give stickers and Dojo's out throughout the day. The Dojo's are a whole school reward, the children will be given dojos through our Classroom 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 Class D to accept a certificate in front of the school for their achievements that week.



Forest School

During the year, we will be taking the children outside as much as possible 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. If you haven't already done so, could you 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 also send the homework through Class Dojo. This will enable you to see their homework online and you can also upload their work on there too, which will be shared in class. The homework will be available on a Friday and should be handed in by Thursday. The children should enjoy the tasks set; they only have to choose one of the three tasks however, 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 re-start the Friday Reading morning to help encourage the children's development and a 'love for reading'. You are invited to come in for up to 15 minutes to read a story with your child, before the bell goes. I will post on Class Dojo when these are going to start.

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.