



Buzzards Class Newsletter

September 2024 - Autumn Term

Welcome back to the new academic year! I hope you have had a lovely summer! Over the summer holiday we have been busy refreshing the classroom and preparing for an exciting year of fun and frolics (otherwise known as hard work and lots of effort! 😊).

What will you need to bring to school **EVERY DAY?**

Snack – fruit is available daily, although you may wish to bring in a healthy snack of your own.

Water Bottle – Please bring in a named water bottle.

Named Coat & Jumper/Cardigan – waterproof coat if possible

Homework/Reading book and Reading Log - this is vitally important!



Literacy

We will start our English off with a one-off unit based on a familiar story called '**Five Minutes peace**' by Jill Murphy. Handwriting, punctuation, grammar and spellings are at the heart of our literacy lessons and the children will be using what they have previously learnt within their writing, plus learning some new vocabulary and spellings. Last week I managed to assess all children in KS1 and have grouped them accordingly. Reading books and contact books will be sent home towards the end of this week. I cannot stress the importance of reading at home, so please aim to read with your children at least **4 times** a week. Daily if possible. I have attached a letter about the teaching of Phonics/Reading at Kingston St Mary. **Spellings - Zog group** – please ignore the spellings that have been sent home. We will start these after half term. Our main focus this term will be letter formation. Gruffalo Group will be tested as of next Monday.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Phonics Spellings Maths Science/DT	Phonics Maths English ICT /PSHE	Phonics Dance Y2/Maths Y1 English Art	Phonics Maths English Topic	Phonics Maths English PE

Homework will be given to consolidate the objectives that the children have been taught that week. Year 2 parents - Olympic maths will start again after Christmas.

PE will continue to be on **Fridays!** Please come to school already dressed in your PE kit!

What will our topics be this year?

Autumn – London Life (Great Fire)

Spring – Down on the Farm

Summer – Seaside

Show and tell

If your child has achieved a certificate, medals, badge etc outside of school then please feel free to bring them in on a Friday to share in our assembly. If it is a toy or something similar then the children may be able to share it in class.

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