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YEAR ONE NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic two weeks getting to know your children and we hope they have enjoyed the start of the new school year.

The purpose of this letter is to let you know what we will be learning about over the following term and to introduce you to how some things work in Sheppey class.

We have PE on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Please do come into the corridor every few weeks to have a look through your child's PE bag to check that they still have a full PE kit. They will need a white top, navy blue shorts and a pair of daps. Please ensure that everything in their bag is named.

Mrs Byrnes and Mrs Billet will support us in class every day during the week.

The mid-morning drink and snack should be fresh or dried fruit only and it should be named or in a named pot – it is helpful if it is cut at home so that it can be eaten easily. Please could you label drinks bottles. These should be placed in the box outside of the classroom. We are part of a scheme providing free fruit which we have during the afternoon.

It is fantastic if you can help to support your child's reading at home. Please try to write in the Yellow Record Book as often as possible. If your child reads with you at least twice in one week, your child will receive a reading point. If your child receives 30 reading points within the year, they will receive a book. The children will be responsible for changing their own reading book and we will support them with this. In the morning, your children will choose a new book and place it in the purple box outside the classroom with their old book and reading record.

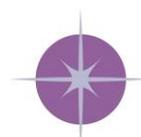
As you will see in the children's purple homework book, we will be sending home activities for the children to complete on a Friday, to be returned to school in the homework box on the following Wednesday.

Show and Tell will be every Friday. This is an opportunity for the children to bring in something from home to share with the rest of the class. Your child will have a designated show and tell day. The dates are shown below.

Bagborough- Friday 21st September
Triscombe- Friday 28th September
Lydeard- Friday 5th October



**Pupil Premium
Awards 2016
Local Winner**
Primary schools with
published KS2 results



**BATH & WELLS
Multi Academy Trust**

'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Cothelstone- Friday 12th October

The rest of the dates will follow in this pattern. However, if you child has a piece of writing or a certificate etc that they are proud of, feel free to bring this in any time of the week.

We have a twitter account which will use to share the children learning experiences. If you would like to follow us type in @sheppeyclass.

Our topics for the coming term are Homes and The Great Fire of London.

Literacy ~ We will be learning the story of The Three little pigs which is a tale of three pigs that build houses out of different materials in hope that it is not blown down by a wolf. We will continue this theme and create instructions on How to trap a wolf, followed by the warning tale, Peter and the wolf then the explanation text, Why are people afraid of wolves?

Numeracy ~ We will start the term by learning about number and place value up to 20 and then beyond. We will then move onto addition and subtraction.

Geography ~ Linked with our homes topic we will be learning about the similarities and differences between homes from around the world.

History~ In our Homes topic we will be looking at how houses have changed over time. We will also be learning about The Great Fire of London, including how it started, who was involved and the material the houses were built out of.

Science ~ We will be looking at the properties of materials and electricity within homes.

Music ~ We will be learning songs linked to both of our topics this term and RE. The children will be focussing on the beat and rhythm within the music. We will also listen to a wide range of music and explore different musical instruments.

Art and DT ~The children are beginning to create fantastic self-portraits using water colours. The children will be doing observational drawings of their house. Please could you bring in a photograph of your house from the outside within the next week. The children will also have access to the making area where they can make a house out of junk modelling and other wonderful creations of their choice.

ICT ~ We will use a variety of technology to improve our fine motor control and understand how to use different forms of ICT. We will be also be using the beebots which we will be navigating around cardboard houses.

PE ~ The children will be practising basic yoga moves and following yoga stories. We will also be focusing on a range of skills, including movement and handling, ball skills and team work.

Handwriting ~ The children will continue to work on the lead in and lead out of each letter, and joining the letters within words.

SEAL ~ Our SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) topics focus on New Beginnings and Getting on and falling out.

RE ~ Our topic is called 'Why is Jesus important to us?'

Kind regards,

Miss Ella Brett and Miss Hannah Newsham