

Class Reception

The Bliss Charity School



Term 3



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. Happy New Year! We hope the Christmas break gave you lots of fun family time but also an opportunity to relax and be ready for a New Year and new term!

Hopefully your child will settle back into school without any concerns now that they have been attending school since September. Thank you for allowing your child to be independent coming into school in the mornings without you. It has a very positive impact on your child's start to their day.

We will continue to use *Tapestry* to monitor and record your child's learning. It has been lovely to see some of you sharing your child's achievements and experiences from home using *Tapestry*.

Over the coming weeks, we will be offering the opportunity for you to share an afternoon with your child in Class Reception. There will be a sign-up sheet for this outside the 'Rainbow Door'. We ask that one parent sign up for one session per child so we know who is joining us and to ensure all children have the opportunity to share what happens at school with a family member.

Finally, we would like to offer a warm welcome to Monty who joins Class Reception this term and to a new member of our Early Years team, Miss Press.

The Class R Team



Term 3 Topic: *Transport*



Our new topic is 'Transport'. We launched this last week with a science-linked transport workshop to fire the children's imagination and to develop their understanding about a variety of vehicles. In addition, we will soon be having a day where the children can bring their own bike or scooter to school and we will also be visiting a local *Tesco* store to investigate healthy foods and of course travel on a mode of transport!

Our transport topic will allow the children to investigate emergency vehicles, sports cars, air and water vehicles and general vehicles, such as cars, trains and buses. Our new topic will be embedded within our classroom and, where possible and relevant, each area of the Early Years curriculum will have a transport theme. In mathematical development we will survey the traffic in the village, create vehicles with a range of 2D and 3D shapes, order car numbers and create vehicle patterns. We will continue to use our reading and writing skills to label vehicles and begin to write simple sentences about them. The children will have the opportunity to use their creative skills to make a range of vehicles using a selection of natural, recyclable and construction materials. Identifying the purpose and use of a wide range of vehicles will also be a focus for the children and we will continue to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding based on their individual needs.

Helping your child at home ...

- Our 'Well Done' celebration board is now clear and ready for a new term of home experiences. This is a great opportunity for your child to proudly share something they have achieved at home. Please continue with these, we never tire of children sharing these with us and their peers.
- Please also continue sharing books with your child. We encourage the children to change these books during 'free choice' time each day but please feel free to come in and choose a book at the end of the day if this hasn't happened.
- We are continuing to teach the set 1 sounds in Terms 3-4 and will continue to share with you the sounds we are learning so your children can share their knowledge with you.
- In *Kinetic Letters* we have learnt the 'abracadabra', 'jumper' and 'slider' families and will start the 'window cleaner' and 'fisher' families this term. Please ensure the homework sheets are completed and sent back in to school as soon as possible.
- In addition to learning new sounds and letter shapes please regularly share the 'Red Word Turtle' with your child.
- Identifying numerals at home and in other environments such as the supermarket or village walks will also help your child consolidate their learning.

Class Reception information ...

- PE will continue to be on Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoons. We will be going outside regularly so please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear for colder conditions.
- In PE, the children will develop their teamwork skills through paired games. They will also develop their gross motor skills using a range of small PE equipment, such as bats and balls. Gymnastics will continue on a Wednesday with Carol. These sessions continue to be extremely popular with the children and are a huge benefit to their core strength development.
- Thursday is our outdoor classroom day so please send your child in clothing suitable for the outdoors. Long jeans, joggers or leggings are suitable. The children do not need to come to school in uniform on this day.
- Due to the children's ages and development, if you feel the need to supply your child with spare underwear etc. please put this into your child's PE bag.
- The children have embraced our additional snack opportunities, which is linked to our topic. Please see the notice on our window if you would like to see what your child is having. A donation of £8 is now due for Terms 3-4. Please send this in as soon as possible.
- If your child requires any medication please give this to the office. Any asthma inhalers can be given to either Mrs. Caller or Mrs. McNair.
- Please remember to select and order your child's hot dinners.
- As your child turns 5 years old, daily milk is no longer free. If you would like your child to continue to have milk please contact *Cool Milk* and arrange payment. Any queries regarding this please contact Mrs Howard in the school office.
- Please keep us informed regarding contact details for your child, including collection arrangements. This can either be done through the office or via the Class Reception staff.
- Any communication that we have for you will be put into your child's book bag. Likewise, if there is anything you have for us, please put it in the book bag as we check these on a daily basis.

We have an open door policy at Bliss. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to speak to one of us.

Mrs. Caller, Mrs. McNair, Mrs. Griffiths and Miss Press