

# Class Reception

*The Bliss Charity School*



## Term 6



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to Term 6. We can't believe we are already in our last term with your children. It has been a very busy and exciting year and Term 6 looks to be the busiest, with trips, Sports Day, photographs, a Poetry Jam and transition times in preparation for Year 1.

We would like to say an early 'Thank You' to all parents this year. Your support with your children's learning has had a tremendous impact on their first year at Bliss. Your interaction with *Tapestry* and *Twitter* has been great and this makes it easy for us to share your children's learning and experiences with you.

Children will be demonstrating their maturity with younger children soon as we will have some visits from next year's reception class this term and I know your children will model many metacognition skills to them.

Last term we started maths homework alongside handwriting. Please support your child to complete their homework and ensure it is returned to school for the specified date. If you have any queries with this, please come and see me.

*Mrs. Caller*



## Term 6 Topic: *Minibeasts*



As always, our topic will be embedded within our classroom and, where possible and relevant, each area of the Early Years Curriculum will be linked to this theme.

Our new topic of 'Minibeasts' has to be one of my favourites and I'm sure it will be a big hit with the children too. Each week, we will focus on a specific mini creature and will definitely be making the most of our outdoor environments and hopefully some lovely summer weather! We have our trip booked for *Muddy Education* early in the term to enthuse the children from the start. If any parents have any particular knowledge about minibeasts that you would like to share with the children, then please come and see a member of the team.

Our creepy, crawly topic will offer children the opportunity to investigate a wide range of mini creatures both in and out of their natural environment. In literacy, children will use our writing skills to write stories about minibeasts, create fact files and label parts of these amazing creatures. Minibeasts have lots of maths that we can investigate such as symmetry, counting in twos and measuring and comparing. There will be lots of opportunities for practical application of these maths skills. Understanding these creatures and their habitats will enable children to create representations of them using a range of skills they have learnt over the year. Children will also be making homes for them to live in!

## Helping your child at home ...

- Thank you for enabling children to share their achievements from outside of school by contributing to our 'Well Done' board. There is still lots of space so please send these in. At the end of the year, they will be sent home for you to keep as a reminder of their time in Class Reception.
- Please also continue sharing books with your child. We encourage children to change these books during 'busy learning' times each day but please feel free to let me know if your child is not changing their book and you would like them to.
- We have completed Set 1 and 2 phonic sounds and will continue to revisit these. We will continue to introduce sounds from Set 3 that we feel the children are ready for and these will continue to come home in the same format as before. Please continue to send these in when they are completed. This homework is also a way for the children to practise their handwriting. Even though we have covered and revisited the *Kinetic Letter* families, we practise these on a daily basis. If your child is writing at home please support them to use the correct formation – please see the *Kinetic Letters* page on the school website for further information.
- We have also taught the 'Red Word Turtle', 'Octopus' and 'Fish' words in class and again we look at these in class every day. If your child is not confident reading these, please share them regularly. If your child is confident identifying them, then you could practise writing them or play a game that uses them.
- Maths homework is equally as important as literacy as it helps your child to consolidate and practice skills they have been taught at school. Hopefully, this will also help you in understanding how the children learn and use maths. If you need any further support, please come and see me.

## Class Reception information ...

- PE will continue to be on Mondays and on Wednesdays, children will be taking part in *All Stars Cricket* coaching. Please ensure PE kit is in school and is appropriate for the warmer weather. Please label all PE kit.
- Thursday is our outdoor classroom day so please send your child in clothing suitable for the outdoors. Long jeans, joggers or leggings are suitable. **Please do not send your child in dresses or shorts as unfortunately they will not be able to climb the trees.** If the weather is exceptionally hot, we will notify you if cooler clothes are required. The children do not need to come to school in uniform on this day.
- If your child requires any medication, please give this to the office. Any asthma inhalers can be given to myself.
- 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. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact Mrs. Howard in the school office.
- Please keep us informed regarding any changes to the 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.

*Mrs. Caller*