



PYTCHLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Reception News!

Happy new year, what a busy year it has been already!

Reception have come back to school full of beans and ready for learning. They are excited for our new learning topic of "Teeth, Claws and Wings". We will be learning all about different animals from around the world. We are starting by looking at animals that we know. Our role play vets surgery has been very busy, taking x-rays and treating poorly pets.

The children have also been building their independence with their learning and are keen to complete their daily Rainbow challenges. If they do their challenge everyday then they get a certificate on Friday and Mrs McGinn has lots ready to give out.

In maths we have been learning all about 0. We have shared stories and songs with zero in them, as well as meeting Numberblock zero. Their favourite song we have learnt this week is Alice the Camel. 🐪

Parking and the use of Butchers Lane.

We will continue with the current arrangements before and after school. Could we please request that you consider parking, in particular around the school car park.

Could we also request that at the end of the day children are not allowed to run around and play outside of school as we have had a couple of near misses with traffic.

COVID updates.

As guidance is changing we are trying our best to keep you all informed regularly of the current situation in school.

The new guidelines are now that if you have had a positive test result you need to isolate for 5 days and if you have a negative test on day 5 and day 6 then you can return to school.

We do currently have some cases in the school.

If your child has symptoms then please make sure you test them regularly. If we have an increase in cases in particular year groups then we will let you know.

In order to keep our school community safe we will be continuing with our current risk assessment which includes no visitors into school.

Diary dates

11th February-Mental Health Awareness Day

14th February-18th February Half term

21st February-Training Day

8th March-Panto in school during afternoon

Week commencing 21st March-Bikeability for Class 3

31st March-Easter service in church TBC

4th April-17th April-Easter holidays.

Tales in Class 1.

Class 1 have started lots of new topics. In Literacy, we have begun our traditional tales unit using the story The Three Little Pigs. We have been recognising money in Maths and we are now moving on to counting coins and notes, a really important life skill. Our History learning is about Christopher Columbus. This week we found out about pirates which the children found very interesting. A great start to the Spring term!

Our new EYFS area is ready to use!



Busy week in Class 3.

In Class 3 this week we have started our new learning about the Amazon, we now know where in the world this is and what different layers of the rainforest are. We are learning to write diary entries in our literacy and have focussed on the features of this style of writing this week. In maths lessons we have continued on our fractions journey, learning how to add and subtract mixed numbers.

Class 2 have been making noise!

We have had a lovely first week and a half back at school after the Christmas holiday – a great start to the spring term! We started our new English topic of traditional tales and have studied Hansel and Gretel and The Elves and the Shoemaker. The children used their predicting skills to think about how the fairy tales would end. We discussed morals and what the take away messages were for each story. In maths, we have been looking at the more challenging times table lists including 7, 8 and 9s, the children have used this new learnt knowledge to solve word problems. In geography, we started looking at rivers and the water cycle, the children were really interested in what the different parts of a river are and what they do! We are really lucky this term to have an external music company come in every Tuesday to teach us how to play the samba drums! This week the children learnt all about the different instruments and how to use them. Finally, in RE we have started our new topic of Sikhism, the children were very mature and really interested to learn about this religion and we discussed how it is both similar and different to Christianity.