

# Buttercup Class Newsletter



**Our topic this half term is Food, Glorious Food**

## English

**In class we will be...** looking at instructional writing such as recipes from a range of different cultures. We will also be looking at stories with a familiar setting where the children will write their own stories, focussing on the use of capital letters and full stops. From this, the children will write their own poems based on food. The children will use drama to support their understanding of the different texts we will study.

**At home you can...** talk about different books e.g. recipe books and how they differ from fiction books. You can make exciting dishes from recipe books which you can borrow from the library. Read daily with your child, ask questions to ensure they understand the book they are reading.

## Maths

**In class we will be...** reading and writing numbers to at least 100 and exploring what each digit in a 2-digit number represents. We will learn about odd and even numbers and look for patterns in number sequences. In mental maths, we will be learning to instantly recall our number bonds to 10 and 20. We will also be learning about the operations of addition and subtraction and practise writing number sentences as well as finding ten more or less than a given number.

**At home you can...** read numbers in the environment (e.g. house numbers, buses). Count forward and back in 2's, 5's and 10's and practise these multiplication tables. You can practise number bonds to 10 and 20 using physical objects around the house such as toys or food e.g. toy cars, pasta, grapes.

## R.E.

**In class we will be...** exploring forgiveness and discussing what it means to say sorry. We will look at some scenarios and talk about how apologising is an important action. After sharing our views, we will look at the main values that different religions teach about forgiveness.

**At home you can...** share your own values with your child and discuss what saying sorry means to your family.

## Class Information

PE kits must come in every Monday and should be taken home on Friday. All children require their full Albion PE kits.

**Homework:** Children are expected to read every night. Spellings are given on a Monday, to be learnt for a test on Friday. Maths will be given on a Friday and should be returned on the following Monday.

### Important dates:

We will visit Pizza Express as part of our topic on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Parents evening is on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

## Science

**In class we will be...** learning about what a healthy diet is and why it is important for us to live a healthy life e.g. the need for exercise and to eat a well-balanced diet. We will also look at changes as we grow older.

**At home you can...** talk about what food you eat to have a healthy diet, visit a local supermarket to look at different types of fruit and vegetables. Think about how a good night's sleep and exercise play an important part in a healthy lifestyle.

## Topic

**In class we will be...** developing food preparation and cooking skills by making a variety of different dishes e.g. different bread in Design & Technology. In Art & Design, the children will be looking carefully at different types of food and creating detailed drawings of what they can see. The children will also explore and experiment with the textures of different types of food using the technique of printing. In Computing, the children will use different programs to record sounds and create videos.

**At home you can...** practise observational drawing of different types of food e.g. fruit, looking at the small details. You can also cook with your child and encourage them to try a range of different foods. You can look on the BBC's website for some recipe ideas: <http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/>