

Canterbury Cross Newsletter

Message from the Head teacher

I hope you are all well and have had a wonderful summer. The children have come back to school with a renewed energy and readiness for learning; it has been lovely to see them all again and catch up with their summer news. A special welcome to our Nursery children, who have settled in remarkably quickly. A special thank you to all our parents for your continued support and we hope to strengthen our partnership even further over the course of the year.

Mr Khalid Din

What we will be learning this half term



Nursery

This half-term we will be focusing on getting the children settled into our nursery. We shall be reading the following books and basing our learning around them: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Dear Zoo, Old McDonald had a Farm and We're Going on a Bear Hunt. In Maths, we will be focusing on recognising numbers and counting to 5. In Literacy, will be focusing on recognising our name.

KS1

Reception

Firstly we would like to say that the children have made a brilliant start in Reception and we are looking forward to working with them this year! Our topic this term is called 'All about me'. We will be exploring our likes, dislikes, family members, what we look like and where we live. We will be focusing on Set 1 sounds in Read Write Inc phonics. We will be writing our names, sounds and words in Literacy and doing lots of counting and recognising numbers in Maths. Children can practise writing their sounds, writing their names and counting at home. Thank you!



Year 1

This month in Year 1 we are learning about place value of numbers and using a number square to count on and count back in Numeracy. In Literacy, we are learning how to write sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. For our foundation subjects, we are looking at toys from the past, stained glass windows and how we should treat our world.

Year 2

This term in Year 2 we have welcomed Mrs Bhopal to our team and we are looking forward to working with her. On the 25th September we will be going on our first trip to Barton Under-Needwood to explore a village and make comparisons to our local area. Year 2 will also be doing a Diwali assembly in November and we look forward to seeing you then. In Science we will be looking at materials. Our Literacy will focus on stories and our Numeracy on place value.

KS2

Year 3

In year 3, our first topic will be rainforests where we will be learning all about the rainforest habitat, the environment and the animals/people who make the rainforest their home. We will have an exciting educational visit by 'the rainforest man'.

In science, year 3 will discover all about plants and their life cycles. In Literacy, we will begin the year with skills based lessons before moving onto the topic of authors and letters. Our topics in Numeracy, will include place value, the four operations, length and time. Don't forget to keep practising your times tables.

Year 4

In year 4 this term, we will be starting to develop our key skills in Literacy before exploring stories from other cultures. In Numeracy, we will be developing our place value knowledge, application of the bar model and other key skills. In topic lessons we will be looking at Ancient Greece and we will be learning all about Electricity in Science. We will be continuing to look at British Values and learning all about democracy



Year 5

This half term in Year 5, we will be focusing on place value and the four operations in Maths. In Literacy, we will be focusing on the topic Myths and Legends. Our History topic this term is Anglo-Saxons and The Vikings and for science we will be looking at materials and their properties.

Year 6

Welcome back, Year 6! We are excited for this new year with you. This half term we have got some fun things planned! For your first trip, you will be going on a trip to the Black Country Living Museum in October. This will link to the Victorians, which you are looking at in your history lessons. In literacy, the children will be looking at biographies and autobiographies of various people. In maths, the focus for this half term is place value. Our trip to the Black Country Living Museum will link to our history topic- the Victorians. The children will also use this topic in other lessons to maintain a cross-curricular theme.



Notice Board

Extended Holidays

In line with Government requirements and Birmingham City Council policies, we are unable to authorise absence unless it falls within the exceptional circumstance criteria. An example of which would be an immediate family member falling ill and the tickets being booked that day, for an immediate departure.

Last year our school suffered from a number of extended holidays in the summer term, pulling our school attendance down to a level that OFSTED deem unacceptable. The children missed vital work to prepare them for the following year and the school will fail to receive the "Outstanding" OFSTED label that we are striving for, due the attendance level- which is out of our control. As we have stated in our newsletter every week, we will be following the Fixed Penalty Notice procedure to the letter without exception.

Last year over 100 fines were issued by Birmingham city council to Canterbury parents. And 5 cases were taken to court - all were issued with big fines.

Dinner Money

School dinner money is £9.00 per week Monday to Thursday. If your child is in Friday Club and they wish to have a hot meal, then the total for the week £11.25. Half termly amount is £67.50 Mon- Thursday and £85.50 Monday to Friday. Please make all payments via Parent Pay. Please ensure your accounts are in credit. Accounts in arrears will be forwarded to Birmingham City Council

Rights Respecting School's Award

Article 3:

The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children

Medical Appointments/Illness

If your child has an appointment at the Doctor's or Hospital, please provide a letter to the school office. If we do not receive a letter or card, then the absence will be unauthorised. If your child is sick, please inform the school office by 9.15.

