

## Term 3 Infants Newsletter



6th January, 2017

### NEWSFLASH:

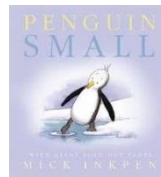
If you have a young child due to start school in September 2017, the deadline for applications is 16th January.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing break. As another year begins, we would like to thank you all for your hard work and effort in supporting the children with their learning. We are glad to say that they have settled back into school well. We are pleased to welcome Mr Hollidge to Carle Class.

This term, our topics will be as follows:

### Foundation Stage



Around The World:

Our Power of Reading books will be 'Penguin Small' by Mick Inkpen, 'Knuffle Bunny Free' by Mo Willems and 'The Bear' by Raymond Briggs. The children will explore the illustrations and vocabulary in the books and learn about different countries and environments. Phonics will continue to be a daily focus in class. As part of mathematics, the children will continue learning to recognise and order numbers, finding one more and one less from a group of objects, ways of making different totals and also number bonds to ten. We are hoping to plan a school trip to see a performance of 'The Bear' at The Gulbenkian



### Year One - 'To the Rescue'

This term we will be studying 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. We will continue to focus on the primary skills of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, and will also begin to think about questioning. During maths lessons we will be building on addition and subtraction skills which we have developed in Terms 1 and 2, in particular focussing on problem solving, and will continue to work on multiplication and division. We also look at telling the time to the hour and half hour. Our topic this term is 'To the Rescue'. We are going to learn about the life of Grace Darling, and find out about the background of sea rescue, looking at the work of the RNLI. In Music the children will learn sea songs. We take the theme of the sea forward in Art, looking at transient art by Tony Plant, and stormy sea paintings by artists such as Turner. In RE

we will look at Christianity, focussing on the childhood of Jesus. In PHSE we will look at healthy lifestyles, and consider healthy eating. Both Donaldson and Jeffers class will have Dance on Mondays, and have their Games lesson on Thursdays.

### Year Two - 'Britain or Brazil?'



This is an exciting topic for us! We will locate Brazil on the South American continent and learn about Brazil's contrasting physical and human features, as well as carnival costumes at the Rio carnival. We will also listen to samba music and create samba rhythms on instruments. Our English, this term, will be centred around the book 'Traction Man Is Here' by Mini Grey. For maths, we will continue to learn about the tens and ones in 2-digit numbers and addition and subtraction using 2-digit numbers, related to money, measures and real life problems wherever possible. We will also continue to develop our understanding of the 2x, 5x and 10x tables. Through our science topic of plants, we will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants and also, how plants needs water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. We will be learning the recorders this term and Ahlberg Class will continue their swimming lessons.

### Home Learning

We encourage the children to read to an adult at home as regularly as possible - at least three times per week. We are continuing to run our Star Readers scheme, which will reward children who work consistently hard on their reading, so please remember to sign the diary each time your child reads. Please also find five or ten minutes each day to practise Rainbow Spellings.

### A Few Reminders

Maths games will be changed once a week, so remember to send them back into class each Friday.

PE kits should be kept in school at all times. Please check that all items of school uniform including P.E. kit are named clearly in order that any lost items may be returned. Please do not allow children to wear jewellery or bring toys to school. This causes a great distraction and can be very upsetting for a child if the items get lost or broken.

Many of the children have lovely new hats and scarves- please make sure that these are all labelled and that they bring a coat to school every day.

Please always phone the office first thing if your child is going to be absent (e.g. they are too ill to come to school). This means that we know your child is safe. If you don't

*phone and we can't get hold of you and your child is not in school, we don't know they are safe.*

*We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that Briary Primary School is a Nut Free School due to the fact that several of our pupils have severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts including:- peanuts, peanut butter, Nutella and other chocolate spreads, pecans, walnuts, nut oils, nut flavourings etc., body lotions, shampoos etc. containing any nuts. Touching, smelling or eating any of these items may provoke a severe allergic reaction. Therefore, for the safety of these pupils we have asked all our parents not to send any food containing these items to school. We do understand this can be problematic, but do thank all our parents for their understanding and co-operation in this matter.*

### *Diary Dates*

Event	Date	Time
Meet the Teacher (Carle Class & Picasso Class Only)	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	3.00pm in classrooms
Year 2 Ahlberg Swimming	Every Tuesday - 10 <sup>th</sup> January – 7 <sup>th</sup> February	10.15am – 11.45am
Year 4 Anglo Saxon Workshop	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	
School Clubs Start	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	3.00pm – 4.00pm
Darwin Class Assembly	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm
Franklin Class Assembly	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm
Ahlberg Class Assembly	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	2.30pm
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	
Carle Class Assembly	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30pm
End of Term 3	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	3.00pm
Beginning of Term 4	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	

*We look forward to another enjoyable and successful term.*

*Best Wishes,*

*The Infants Team*