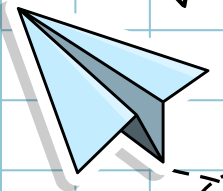


Back To School

CLASS NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 1 - 2025/26



Please contact Mrs Benson via Class Dojo if you have any questions regarding your child's learning journey.

Thank you for your continued support!

Welcome to Nursery, Reception and Year 1!

Our Curriculum

This half term, we will be using the story Astro Girl by K. Wilson-Max as inspiration for our topic 'What makes an astronaut so brave?' The book Astro Girl will be a base for our learning in literacy and will support the Year 1 children in writing their own sentences. In Nursery and Reception the story will form inspiration for the continuous provision set ups within the classroom and Space will be their main focus within their writing, whilst also encouraging the children to use their phonics knowledge to form CVC words. Letter formation will also be a focus in literacy (for all of the children), using the Read, Write, Inc. formation rhymes to assist the children further.

In maths, this half term, the Nursery children will be focusing their learning on repeating patterns, hearing and saying number names and will be beginning to order numbers. Reception will be introduced to numbers up to 10 this half term and will also look at length and height and 3D shapes. Year 1 will focus on Place Value within 20, addition and subtraction within 20, length and height and mass and volume. Each year group will be taught different strategies to support them in achieving their objectives and will be introduced to different resources, to assist them in working out their answers practically and independently.

For further information on our upcoming curriculum topics, and more detail on other subjects, please refer to our curriculum map, which can be found on our class website page.

Reading

Reading is a huge focus at Distington Community School and we are lucky to have an amazing library, which is somewhere the children can delve in to a good book and follow the journey of many different characters. Our reading is supported through daily phonics sessions, which support the children in the reading and writing of letter sounds. Our phonics sessions are repetitive, offering consistency, and support the children in segmenting words and blending sounds together. Each half term, your child is assessed on which sounds they recognise and their ability to blend sounds together, so it is always possible that your child will change adults and groups. You can support your child's reading further at home by reading at least 5x a week. The worksheets we currently set focus on the sound your child is learning in phonics and, although it can be repetitive, the more your child is introduced to these sounds, the more likely they are to remember them. Please remember to sign your child's reading record each time they read as this will count towards their Strive for Five at the end of the half term and each read will enter them in to a whole school reading raffle!

Reminders

PE days - This half term, we will take part in PE sessions on **Tuesday afternoons** and **Thursday mornings**. The children will focus on ball skills, building up their individual skills to support them in team games. Please send your child to school in their full PE kits on these days with appropriate footwear. Any jewellery must removed or covered before coming to school too.

Snack - Snack for the half term is £5.60. This is payable daily (20p per day), weekly (£1 per week) or in full at the beginning of the half term. Envelopes, with how much is owed, are sent home at the end of each half term.

Nursery wrap around - Please ensure that any children staying in wrap around care are booked in before the Friday of the previous week to ensure we have the correct child to staff ratios in class. For any children with a 30 hour code, parents should book their children in to afternoon sessions via a Class Dojo message to myself. For any children who pay additional for the afternoon sessions, parents should book via the School Hub. Any problems with this, please inform myself and I will assist where possible.

Dinners - Please remember to pre-order children's school dinners on School Hub. For support with this, contact the school office. Reception and Year 1 are on free school meals and Nursery's dinners can be ordered at a cost of £2.20 per day.

Empowering Learning

This half term we are learning to be Resourceful Thinkers. We will use the independence encouraged throughout the last term and the introduction to new resources to encourage the children to support their own learning by choosing the resources that they want to use independently. The children by now are familiar with their surroundings and confident in the classroom environment so with this their independence will be encouraged further. Not only will this give the children the ownership of their own learning but it will also demonstrate their understanding through the resources that they choose to use.

Don't miss out!

Please continue to regularly check our class and school DOJO pages for updates on your child's learning/education. Key dates and reminders will also be set on Class Dojo. Further information about our class activities, curriculum and school life can be found on Earwig and our school website, which includes our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 class webpage. Don't forget to check them out!

