



# Blossom News

September 2021

## Welcome!

Welcome to the first term of the new year! We are delighted to welcome back all the children in to school and we extend an extra warm welcome to our new reception children just starting.

## Topic

Our topics this term are Amazing Me and Animals, Including Humans.

We are looking forward to all the fantastic learning and exciting activities we have planned this term.

We also want to celebrate all the amazing learning the children get up to at home too. If your child is in Reception please upload a photograph and a short explanation on to Tapestry, our online learning platform. We really enjoy sharing what the children have been getting up to at home with the whole class. Or alternatively, send in a 'Wow' slip to school. Please fill in the wow slips with any achievements that your child is proud of. For example, eating all their vegetables, swimming badges, football matches or even riding their bike without stabilisers. Please send them back to school in their bags.

Tapestry is due to go live shortly, please see the separate letter with guidance on how to upload photos and access your child's learning.

## Reading



At Chapmanslade Primary School we are avid readers and know our children love reading as much as we do.

Please keep reading at home with your children. Reception children will have books sent home shortly.



## Uniform

Please label your child's uniform. If school jumpers, coats, etc. are labelled it is easier to get them to their rightful owner.

Please could children have a named bag of spare clothes in school. The bag will stay on their pegs and will be used on those wintery, wet or muddy days as we like to use our outside area throughout the year. Could all children also have a pair of wellies in school to wear in our outside area and for welly walks.



## PE

PE lessons will be on a Monday and Friday for Blossom class. Please could each child come to school dressed in their PE kit (joggers for autumn and winter). This will ensure that children do not have to get changed.

Keep an eye out for our staff also dressed in PE kit on PE days.

## Star of the Week

In Blossom class we have Sonic the Hedgehog who loves travelling around with his suitcase.

In celebration of exceptional effort and learning, the children in Blossom class get the privilege of being Star of the Week and for Sonic to visit them at home over the weekend.

The children are also awarded a star of the week certificate in recognition of their effort and learning.

Inside the suitcase is a travel diary; Sonic loves to document his travels. Please help your child fill in Sonic's diary with a short bit of your child's writing, or draw a picture or stick in a photo of the things he gets up to at home with your child.

## Show and Tell

In Blossom class we love to see some of the children's treasured possessions and hear them proudly talk about some of their objects.

Children are encouraged to bring in an object for our show and tell sessions and talk about it with the class. Each week there is a theme linked to our topic. Show and tell will begin on 4th October this term (a letter with more details will follow).

## Healthy Eating and Dental Care: Healthy Snacks & Water Bottles

Please help us to promote healthy, happy smiles by keeping sugar consumption to meal times only. For more information, please see Mrs Chapman's most recent newsletter.

- Pack squash and fruit drinks in lunch boxes. These should not be brought into class.
- Provide a named bottle full of **water** for use at break and during the day (or allow school to provide fresh water for your child)

## Blue Folders

**Year One** children will have brought home a blue folder in their book bag. These blue folders contain *Knowledge Organisers*, which contain all of the most important knowledge pupils are learning in school. These are a helpful way to know what your child is learning about in school. You may use them to talk about a topic at home and share them together. Blue folders are updated regularly with new learning, so please keep them in book bags.

## Spellings (Online via EdShed's Spelling Shed)

We have a weekly spelling focus set on a Friday.

Spellings will be tested on **Fridays**.

Spellings should be practised at home by completing the weekly activities set on Spelling Shed.

- EdShed log in details are the same as Maths Shed and are stuck in children's reading records.
- Please see the ParentMail sent out earlier today for more information about Spelling Shed.
- Please note, that there is a Spelling Shed app but this is not required.
- Log in details for Spelling Shed are *the same as Maths Shed*.

## Maths

### (Online via EdShed's Maths Shed)

- We will use Maths Shed for maths homework from this year.
- EdShed log in details are the same as Spelling Shed and are stuck in children's reading records.
- Up to two homework tasks are set on **Fridays** and due in by the following **Friday**.
- There are also lots of extra maths practise for children, including fun games.
- Mathletics will be used for in-school purposes this year (passwords for this have also been changed).



If you have any concerns or worries about your child or the school, please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Smith or Mrs McDowall

*Mrs Smith & Mrs McDowall*

**Blossom Class**