



Welcome Back to School!

Blossom News

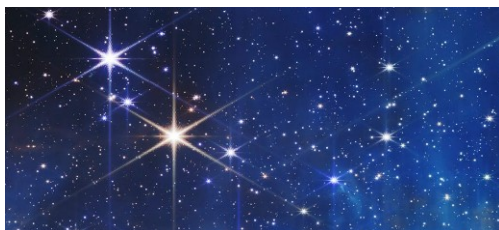
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Welcome back to school and to Term 3. We continue this term with the same staff members: Mrs McDowall as Class teacher Mon-Weds and Miss Cotton as class teacher Weds pm, Thurs and Fri. Mrs Hopkins is class Teaching Assistant Mon-Weds and Mrs Steele on Thurs and Fri.

Topic

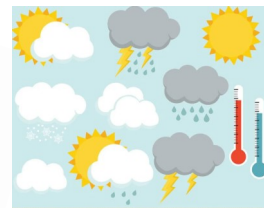
Our topic this term is Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. We will continue to develop independence in all of our learning and introduce some new class routines. We will continue to use Tapestry at school and at home to celebrate progress in all areas of learning.

We already have a space station role play area in the classroom and will be encouraging the children to dress up, share books and use a variety of equipment to make space and winter themed creations.



Reading

We continue to develop a love of reading and sharing books at school and hope you are enjoying the reading books and library books together at home. Please write in the reading record every time you share your reading book together at home. Please also continue to tell the story and talk about the events, characters, themes and ideas in the story. As well as the reading books you now also have some keywords to practise reading at home. These words are for children to recognise rather than "sound out". A simple explanation of "when you see this word, say ..." helps children understand that some words you just need to know and recognise. Please then point out that word wherever you see it— in real life and in the books you share together at home.



Uniform and Spare Clothes

Please ensure all items of clothing and shoes are clearly named. Please continue to send in spare clothes including socks, pants and comfy warm clothes to be used in case of accidents, wet or muddy days. We will continue to use the outside area and wear our wellies to get outside as much as possible this term.



PE

PE lessons will be on a Monday and Thursday afternoon this term. Monday will be Throwing and Catching skills and Friday Gymnastics. Please could each child leave their PE kit bag on their peg for the term. We will send them home for a wash at the end of the term or if they get very muddy.

Star of the Week

Finney (our class toy hedgehog) will visit a few more children at home this term when they are Star of the Week on a Friday. Please help your child fill in Finney's diary with a short bit of your child's writing, draw a picture or stick in a photo of the things he gets up to at home with your child. Please return Finney to school with his suitcase on the following Monday for us to share the experiences together in class.



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.

Please 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).

Blossom Class are provided with a choice of healthy snack each day before morning break.



Show and Tell

This term we will be encouraging speaking and listening skills by starting a weekly Show and Tell session. During this session your child will be encouraged to speak in front of the whole class and ask and answer questions about the item they have brought into school. Please see the letter previously sent for details about when it is your child's turn. Please only send in toys/objects from home when it is your child's turn for Show and Tell to avoid precious items being lost or broken at school. Thank you.

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

Mrs McDowall and Miss Cotton

Blossom Class