

# Butterfly Class Newsletter



Autumn Term 2020

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Butterfly Class! The children have made a fantastic start and are making friends while settling in to the new routines. We are very impressed and are looking forward to working with you over the next year. You will receive a class newsletter every week that explains what we have been learning in school as well as photos from our week.

### Phonics

We will be starting Phase 2 phonics lessons from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. The children will be taught using the phonics scheme Letters and Sounds as well as Read, Write, Inc for the letter formation. Lessons will be filled with fun and engaging games to support your child with their learning.

### Phonics Sound Books

Your child will receive a red phonics sound book that will contain the sounds we have learnt that week. The book will have games and activities in that will support your child with their learning at school. More information will be sent out explaining how you can support your child with learning the sounds. The books will be sent out on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and collected in every Wednesday to be returned on the Thursday. This will be clearly labelled on the book.

### Reading

Your child will receive two types of reading books. The first is a picture book for you to share together as a family and to encourage a love of reading for your child. The second is a phonetically decodable book for your child to read to you.

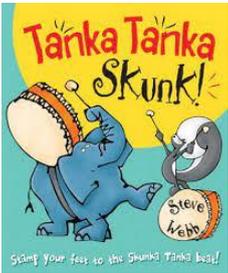
On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October your child will receive a reading record and picture book to share together at home.

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October your child will be sent home with a reading book that includes the sounds we have learnt in school as well as the picture book to share together.

The reading books and records will need signing to say your child has read the books and to make any comments on your child's progress at home. The books will need to be returned to school on Thursday Morning so that they can be changed and sent out the same day.

### Our Curriculum

We teach our lessons based on the children's current interests and ideas. They will be learning through playing and exploring, being active and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outdoors. We do ask that all children have wellington boots in school.



This term we will be starting Power of Reading. We will begin with the story 'Tanka Tanka Skunk!' by Steve Webb . This will give the children an

opportunity to explore rhyming words as well as musical instruments. In the weekly newsletter you will be able to see the stories that we have shared together as a class throughout the week.

### Focus Children Sheets

Focus children sheets will be sent out termly. This is a sheet that allows you to tell us about what is happening at home and gives you the opportunity to ask any questions regarding your child. We ask that you provide photos for your child's learning journey that can be emailed to: [butterfly@stmarys.rbksch.org](mailto:butterfly@stmarys.rbksch.org) We ask that they are completed and return on the Monday morning. If you have anything you would like to share about your child's learning at home please do not hesitate to send an email showing us their achievements. We can't wait to hear all about their achievements.



### Early Years Fund

The Early Years Fund helps us to cover the cost of materials such as cooking ingredients, playdough and other consumables as well as new and exciting resources to support with your child's learning. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per week, or £12 per term which is very much appreciated and can be paid via parentmail.

Here are a few resources we have been able to buy with the Early Years Fund:



We hope you find the information in this newsletter useful. You are always welcome to contact us to discuss any concerns that you may have. Thank you for your continued support.

### Name Labelling

We ask that all school uniform is clearly name labelled. This includes school jumpers, water bottles and PE Kits. Every Tuesday and Thursday we ask that your child comes into school in their PE Kit.



**Miss C Cameron**  
Class Teacher

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Early Years Practitioner

