

Butterfly Class Newsletter

Autumn 2 - 2025



Welcome back to school! We hope you all had relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. We also hope that you, and your family and friends, are safe and well.



Topic



Our topic this half term is 'Light and Sound'. We will be exploring light and dark spaces. We will learn facts about the Sun and Moon, how they influence day/night and seasons. We will also explore electricity, its uses and sources: natural and man-made. We will cover dangers of using electricity. In the second part of the half-term we will explore the sound. We will experiment with different instruments and look at volume, vibration and pitch.

At home you could:

- Look at different appliances that require electricity and talk about safety at home.
- Think of ways to save electricity.
- You could make and play shadows.

English

In English, the topic will be 'Instructions'. We will be following verbal and visual instructions as well as create instructions of simple activities e.g. how to make a Christmas lantern while practising the vocabulary of sequence: first, next, then, last etc. We will look into following schedules and rules. In connection with PSHE we will be talking about kind/unkind behaviours and bullying.

At home you could:

- Practise following simple instructions e.g. the order of putting clothes on.
- Play games and follow the rules.
- Practise turn taking while reading a story together.

Maths



Our topic in Maths this half term is shapes. We will be learning the names of 2D and 3D shapes, comparing their properties. What is the difference between 2D and 3D shapes? We will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Finally, we will learn what it means to double (add the same number) and halve (to share in two equal parts) practically with objects and numbers.

At home you could:

- Match different objects that come in pairs e.g. socks, gloves, shoes.
- Experiment with shapes. Create pictures and build constructions using various 2D and 3D shapes/blocks.
- Can you cut pizza or a cake in half and quarters?
- Can you spot 2D and 3D shapes in everyday objects?
- Play shape hunt at home and when outside



Butterfly Class staff



Class Teacher- Monika Mellor	
Learning Support Assistants	Sophie Jade Justine

Monika has planning time out of class every **Tuesday morning**, so **Sarah** will lead the class on these days.

Dates for the calendar:

Friday 14th November - Children in Need
Saturday 6th December - Christmas Fayre
Monday 15th December - Christmas dinner/ Christmas jumper day.
Week commencing 15th December - KS2 Parent Christmas events.
Friday 19th December - Christmas party / Last day of term, 12:45pm finish.
Monday 5th January - Return to school, INSET

PE

We have PE in Butterfly Class on Tuesday. If you have not already, please could you send your child in with an appropriate named t-shirt, shorts and trainers. A jumper or tracksuit may also be required as the weather changes and some sessions will be occurring outside.

Please remember:

We will be continuing a lot of our outdoor learning sessions this term. As the weather is likely to change over the next few weeks, we ask that every child has a pair of named wellies and waterproofs. These can then be kept in class for the year.

To send School-Home communication blue book every day as well as the reading diary with any comments you may have. You can also get in touch via email:

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