

# Butterfly Class Newsletter

## Autumn 1 - 2025



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



### Topic



Our topic this half term is 'Wonderful Me!' and environment. We will be learning about ourselves, where we live, stages of our lives from a baby to elderly. We will be exploring what our bodies need to live and what we can do to stay healthy and happy. We will be learning how to recognise and name different emotions.

At home you could:

- Have a look at photos the family, identify the members and see how we change over time.
- Have a go at drawing a picture of your family.
- Talk about how I feel today.

### English



Our topic in English this half term is information texts. We will be looking at a variety of books about our bodies and emotions as well as the environment around us. We will learn how we can look after our environment through recycling. The books we will be looking at are: 'All about me and my body', 'The Big green book', Children will create their 'All about Me' books.

At home you could

- Sort books into fiction and non-fiction
- Explore interesting facts through non-fiction books and using search engine.
- Make new things by junk modelling using recyclable materials e.g. rocket using an old washing up bottle.

### Maths



Our topic in Maths this half term is Weights. We will be using related language and key words such as big/small, heavy and light. We will be using weighing equipment such as scales, but we will also be experimenting to see in a practical way, how size and weight compare and relate. We will continue with number work, recognizing and ordering numbers, counting, carrying out basic operations and solving simple number problems.

At home you could:

- Join in different counting songs.
- Sorting objects into heavy and light, using comparative language: lighter/heavier, bigger/smaller
- Ask your child to help in cooking/baking activities as an opportunity to use scales to weigh ingredients.



### Otters 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:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Inset day

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - last day of term

### PE



We have PE in Butterfly Class on Friday. 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: [monika.mellor@riverside.hants.sch.uk](mailto:monika.mellor@riverside.hants.sch.uk)