

BODSHAM CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

BUTTERFLIES CLASS NEWSLETTER - SUMMER TERM 2019

Dear Parents,

What a lovely term we have had so far studying 'Lifecycles'! The children have really engaged in the topic and they have done some super learning. It has been wonderful to see our caterpillars and tadpoles transform as well as planting lots of things in our lovely outdoor areas. This term we will be looking at Beautiful Bodsham and Beyond, looking at our local area, our country and further afield too.

Our next topic is 'The Seaside'. This topic provides opportunities for the children to get to know the Kent coast as well as thinking about places further away. We will be learning about sea creatures, beach side stories and even pirates! We will also learn about how Victorians liked to spend their time at the seaside. We hope to welcome some sunshine for an outing to the coast towards the end of this academic year.

RE, Literacy and Numeracy

In RE this term we are studying stories from the Old Testament. We will have a trip to Canterbury Cathedral at the end of this term and we are learning about pilgrimages with Ms Carter in our art mornings too. Next term we will be looking at 'world faiths'.

In Literacy we will continue to work hard in phonics on our phase 4 and phase 5 sounds and tricky words. We will practise making our writing more exciting by adding things like 'wow words' and connectives.

In Numeracy we begin our work on times tables, dancing our way through the 2s, 5s and 10s. It may take us a while to learn these, but it gives us a super head start for when we join Robins in September.

PE and ICT

We will be working on our cricketing skills in term 5 and athletics in term 6. We will continue with Write Dance in our other active session each week too. In ICT we will continue to work on our typing skills in the ICT suite as well as things like taking photos and using programs on the I-pads.

Transition to Year 1

We will be having some opportunities to work with Robins this term, to meet our new classmates and to learn more about life in Year 1. We will be going on a trip with Robins in term 6 too.

Book bags

We will only change your child's reading book if we know you have finished reading it, so don't forget to write in the contact book if you have read together. We value your input, so if your child is finding books really easy or difficult, let us know and we can review the level we send home. We would really appreciate it if you could search your book shelves at home as we have had a large number of library books that have not been returned. Bodsham School books have a stamp on the inside cover, please check that you don't have any hiding at home.

Family learning journals

Please feel free to continue to add any news of exciting things you have done at home, outings you have had etc. as well as completing the fortnightly home learning tasks. You can also share things from home on Tapestry; the children really love sharing things that they have done at home and it is brilliant for their speaking and listening skills too.

Sunscreen

As the weather gets warmer, we will be thinking about sun safety at school. Unfortunately, we cannot apply sun lotion to children. Children are also not allowed to share sun cream with each other. Please make sure that your child can either apply their own sunscreen or preferably apply 'one day long' in the morning.

Kind regards

Mrs Billingsley
Class teacher