



South Gosforth First School
EYFS Half Termly News



Autumn Term 1 November 2021

Welcome to Autumn Term 2!

We hope you all had a lovely half term break!

The children have settled so well into school and are now all familiar with our daily routines and expectations.

We have made a few slight changes to our timetable for this half term which we will attach with this newsletter so you can see how we spend our days!



Phonics

We continue to have a whole class daily Phonics session. We follow the 'Little Wandle' Letters and Sounds Revised scheme and will be continuing to learn the Phase 2 sounds this half term. We will send home the sounds that we have learnt each week so that the children can practise them at home.

Mathematics

This half term, we will be continuing to develop our subitising and counting skills and will begin to develop an understanding of the composition of numbers.



Reading

As part of our phonics scheme "Little Wandle", the children all read in a group three times a week in school. The first time of reading is to decode the text, the second is to develop prosody and the third is to develop comprehension skills.

As explained in our Curriculum Meeting, this book will then be sent home as an e-book after the three sessions in school. The aim of this book is to provide further consolidation and practice which is vitally important to help to develop children's fluency when reading.

A further phonic book from our school selection will also be sent home. This book will align with the phonic phase that your child is working at and will enable your child to apply their phonic skills using sounds that they have recently learnt. Each child will also choose a library book that is read for enjoyment and an adult will share with them. This can be any book chosen from the school library. Puffin Class will visit the library every Thursday and Robin Class will have their library session every Friday.

We will collect all Reading Folders and books in on a Thursday so that we can ensure that the children have the appropriate new book ready to bring home on Friday, so please ensure that these are in your child's bag every Thursday.

Talk for Writing

We will be continuing with our 'Talk for Writing' units this half term, encouraging the children to develop their story language and structure in order to enable them to write their own stories.



P.E.



This half term, we will have PE every

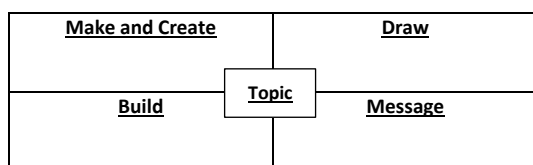
Wednesday.

The children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits every Wednesday. They will need to wear their PE T-shirt, school jumper or cardigan, dark tracksuit bottoms and trainers. Weather permitting, we will aim to have our PE sessions outside.

Play Projects

To help develop children's problem solving, creativity and collaborative skills during Busy Play, this half term we are introducing the concept of Play Projects to the children.

The principle of Play Projects is that the children plan their own ideas for what they can make and create, draw, build and message related to our theme in school or a theme entirely of their own choice. They record their ideas on a framework and this then enables the children to lead their own learning through play.



Thank you for your on-going support. We greatly appreciate the support that you give to both ourselves and to your children.

Tapestry

Many thanks to those of you who have been sending the signed weekly homework timetable, photos and videos to us on Tapestry. We love seeing the activities that the children have been doing at home and how much they have remembered from their learning in school and greatly appreciate your support with this. We will continue to send the homework timetable to you in the documents section of Tapestry on a Friday.

We do also post weekly updates of what we have been getting up to in Reception on our school Twitter page, @SouthGosforthFS, and our Facebook page, so look out for any updates on there.



Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 16th November and Wednesday 17th November -

Family Consultation Meetings

Friday 19th November -
Children in Need

Friday 3rd December -
Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 8th December -
Reception Nativity (am)

Thursday 9th December -
Visit to Northern Stage to see
"The Sorcerer's Apprentice"

Friday 10th December -
Reception Nativity (pm)

Thursday 16th December -
Reception Christmas Party (am)

More details about all of these events will follow nearer the time.