



Year R – Beatrix Potter Class

Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are absolutely delighted to welcome you and your wonderful children to our school community. What a fantastic start we've had! The children have amazed us with their independence, enthusiasm and confidence. They've settled in beautifully and we couldn't be prouder of them.

Our First Theme: This is Me!

This half term, we're diving into the exciting theme 'This is Me!' where we'll explore:

- Me and My Body
- My Fab Face
- Healthy Me
- Super Me!

We'll be sharing lots of lovely stories as part of our daily routine, including:

- The Bumblebear
- The Colour Monster
- Funny Bones
- Supertato

These stories help us explore emotions, friendships and what makes each of us special.

Knowledge Organiser & Homework Grid

Along with this letter, you'll find:

A Knowledge Organiser: This outlines the enquiry questions we'll be exploring and the key vocabulary we'll be using. Talking about these at home is a great way to support your child's learning.

A Homework Grid: This includes a mix of fun and engaging activities. The grey box tasks are weekly, while the others can be completed at your own pace. Please share your child's learning with us on Tapestry. We're currently setting up your accounts and will send login details out next week.

Reading Packs

Your child has brought home their reading pack, which includes:

- A wordless book
- A home reading diary
- A letter explaining how to support your child's reading journey

We ask that you record three separate reading sessions each week in the diary. Regular reading helps your child move up our class 'reading tree'. Once they reach the top of the tree, your child will receive a reading certificate.

Please send the reading pack in a blue school book bag each day so it fits neatly into our classroom storage and is always available for reading time. We do ask that water bottles **are not** put in their blue school book bags please, because if their bottles leak the water damages both their reading diary and school books.

Woodland Adventures & PE

We kindly ask that all children bring a named pair of wellies to keep in school. We make regular visits to our on-site woodland area throughout the year, so having wellies available ensures that children can fully take part in these outdoor learning experiences. If you are finding it difficult to provide a pair, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff or send us an email. Over the years, we have built up a small collection of spare wellies and will be able to help.

PE Day is Tuesday: Please send in a PE kit (t-shirt and shorts) that stays in school. We'll send it home at the end of each half term for washing. It's also helpful to include spare uniform, underwear and socks - just in case!

Snacks & Water

At school, we provide seasonal fruit and vegetables during snack time. However, please note that we cannot guarantee what will be available each day. If you prefer, you are welcome to send a piece of fruit or vegetable in with your child. If you choose to send a snack from home, please ensure it is fruit or vegetables only - no cereal bars, please.

Your child will receive free milk up until the week they turn 5 years old.

If you would like your child to continue receiving milk after this, please sign up via the Cool Milk website: <https://coolmilk.com/parents/>

Children should bring a water bottle every day. We will help them refill their bottle throughout the day. Please do not place water bottles in book bags, as leaks can damage our reading books.

Clothing Reminder

Coats & jumpers: As the weather begins to change, please ensure your child comes to school with both a jumper and a coat. Children have access to the outdoor area throughout the day, as well as during playtime, so it's important they are dressed appropriately for all conditions.

Jewellery: We kindly ask that children do not wear jewellery, including earrings, to school. This is to help ensure their safety during learning and play activities, as well as to prevent items from being lost, damaged, or causing accidental injury. Thank you for your support with this.

Important Dates for Autumn Term for Class R (Beatrix Potter Class)

30/9/26 @ 4pm-5pm - EYFS Open Evening for prospective parents 27/28

6/10/26 @ 3.45pm - EYFS/KS1 Phonics Meeting

11/10/26 – FoS Stilton Stumble (Please contact the FoS if you are able to volunteer)

13/10/26 @ 9.15am – Harvest Festival

19/10/26 – INSET

20/10/26 – 1/11/26 - HALF TERM

2/11/26 @ 8.50am – Back to school

16/11/26 – Odd Sock Day

17/11/26 @ 3.45pm – 6.30pm – Parent's Evening

18/11/26 @ 3.45pm – 6.30pm – Parent's Evening

20/11/26 – Children in Need dress down day

2/12/26 @ 3.45pm – 5.30pm – Advent Fair

8/12/26 @ 2pm - Nativity Show

9/12/26 @ 2pm – Nativity Show

17/12/26 – Christmas Dinner and Jumper day

18/12/26 – Last day of term.

Thank you so much for your support. Your children's confidence and independence are a real credit to you and we're so excited to be part of their learning journey this year.

If you have any questions or need anything at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch, we're always happy to help!

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Bradley & the Beatrix Potter team