

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a great start to Term 3! Despite the minus temperatures outside, inside the school has been buzzing with activity. The children have all returned happily to their classrooms and there has been an incredible amount of learning taking place. We have been dropping into classes and getting to know the children who have been so enthusiastic to share what they are doing. While reflecting on a piece of work that didn't quite go to plan, one child said 'nothing is a failure, we can always improve' – wise words from someone so young! We later found out that they have been learning about turning negatives into positives in PSHE – we told you they have learnt a lot already!

Thank you to the entire school community for our warm welcome, and we look forward to sharing more with you all next week.

Mrs Knock & Mrs Elliott



# **Topics for Term 3**

This term the topic titles in each class will be:

Owls: A Child's War

Foxes: Flow

Rabbits: **Scrumdiddlyumptious** Hedgehogs: **Big Lights, Big City** 

We are currently updating the school website with information to support our topics, so please do take a look to find out more.



### **Little Wandle**

Mrs Burrows was hoping to invite parents in to share with you a new phonics/reading initiative that we are following, Unfortunately, this is unable to take place due to COVID restrictions, however she will shortly be preparing a video clip to go on the website which will explain the new reading books that have been coming home. Please bear with us while this takes place. The Little Wandle initiative is highly recommended and we hope you will be as excited about it as we are once it is embedded. If you would like to find out more for yourself then please visit www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk



# **Get The Reading Bug**

We are pleased to celebrate that Foxes Class have won the competition for being the class that read the most in Term 2 – well done! Their reward was to select a book from the special hamper – and we are pleased to announce that they have selected the recommended reading book 'Harry the Poisonous Centipede' by Lynne Reid Banks to be added to their class library. Keep reading everyone and the ladybird may be heading to your class next week!



# **Uniform**

As the temperature has dropped significantly, please can children come to school with warm coats, and gloves and hats should they wish. It really is quite chilly at playtime!

Please can children also ensure they have the correct PE kits on the days that we do PE. If you are unsure then please do ask your child's teacher. **Hedgehogs only:** If possible, please could children have a pair of wellies that they are able to leave in school all week. If you are unable to find funds to do this then please do speak, in confidence, to Mrs Knock or Mrs Elliott.



### **Sports News**

On Tuesday of next week, Year 2s from Rabbit Class will be participating in a fun multi-sports activity hosted by Robertsbridge. It will take place in our school playground so please can you ensure that children bring a tracksuit to wear over their PE kit as they will be outside – however they will be doing lots of activity to keep them warm!





Covid: We are very fortunate to have a limited number of cases at present, so thank you all for being so vigilant to enable us to continue to attend and staff school as planned. However, if your child is unwell, then we would encourage you to get them to take a lateral flow test. At the time of writing the advice is that anyone with a positive rapid lateral flow test result will need to self-isolate in line with the <u>stay at home guidance</u>. You should then follow the <u>latest government guidance</u> on confirmatory PCR tests following a positive LFD test. As the advice is ever changing, please do keep yourselves updated about the most current guidance. If you are unsure then please do call the school and we will help where we can.

### **Diary Dates**

Monday 10.01.22	Guitar lessons resume	-
Tuesday 11.01.22	Robertsbridge Multi-skills PE workshop	Rabbits
	for Year 2	
Tuesday 25.01.22	Robertsbridge Multi-skills PE workshop	Hedgehogs
	for Year 1	
Monday 31.1.22	Climbing wall installation	Playground
Tuesday 08.02.22	Badminton at Bodium	Selected children
		from Owle



# Safeguarding

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, please speak to any of the staff below:

- Mrs Bulgin Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Burrows / Mrs Knock / Mrs Elliott Deputy DSLs