

Weekly events

Library - Library will be on a Monday, so if you wish your child to change their book then please ensure that they bring it to school with them each Monday.

Star of the week – This will be announced each week through our new Parent Hub.

'All about Me' box - Each week one child will be chosen to take the 'All about me' box home. Children will be asked to fill the box with up to five items which tells us a little bit about themselves.

Sound and number of the week – Each week we focus on a particular sound and number so children become familiar with them. We will let you know what they are each week through Parent Hub.

Show and Tell – 'Show and Tell' will continue to be on a Friday. Children can bring things in to show which are either related to the topic or to the 'sound and number of the week'.

Cubs Class – Parents letter



Term 3a

Children should always be brought and collected by a parent or responsible adult. Please inform staff of any changes in routine so that we are aware who is collecting your child.

We have some new children starting in Nursery this term. We would like to welcome Ruby, Bobby and LaitynJohn to Cubs Class. We hope they have a wonderful time at Newton Hill School.

Dates for your diary



Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th May – INSET days (school will be closed on these days)

Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday (school will be closed on this day)

Wednesday 9th May – class photos

Thursday 10th May – Reading and Phonics meeting (only for children starting full-time in September 2018)

Friday 25th May - school closes for half term (1 week: children to return Monday 4th June)

Phonics

Phase 1 phonics: (*new starters from January*). Phase 1 activities focus on the importance of speaking and listening skills which are essential before children begin to read and write. There is also a big emphasis on social skills e.g. speaking and turn-taking.

Phase 2 phonics: (*Children full-time in September*) Phase 2 activities involve the children learning the sounds and names of particular letters. They will learn to blend words (merge individual sounds together to make a whole word - reading) and to segment words (break a word into its different sounds - spelling).

Literacy

Reading -each week we will read a different 'Under the Sea' book. The children will be encouraged to listen carefully and join in with parts they are familiar with. They will also be asked to describe the story settings, main characters and key events.

Writing – As always, children will be practising to write their name and will be encouraged to give meanings to any marks they make. We will also be trying to hear and write the initial sounds in different 'Under the sea' words and encouraged to say and write down any others sounds that are heard.

Maths

This term our Maths activities will be linked to our 'Under the Sea' topic. The skills we will be practising are:

- Number recognition
- Counting
- Representing numbers using fingers, marks and writing
- Using the language 'more' and 'fewer' to compare quantities
- Finding one more and one less
- Number problems involving addition and subtraction
- Re-creating and creating repeated patterns
- Ordering objects by size
- Naming and describing shapes

Topic overview



This term our topic is called 'Under the Sea'. Each learning area in our Continuous Provision will have resources and activities in them which are linked to our topic. These will be changed on a regular basis.

Children will also take part in focused activities where they will learn about different sea creatures e.g. names, key features and habitats and take part in different creative activities e.g. singing songs and making their own sea creatures.