

# BUTTERFLIES NEWSLETTER



TERM 1

## St Mary's Primary School Writhlington

### TOPIC: ALL ABOUT ME

The children have been so happy the last few days- we have had smiles all round! We will be spending this term getting to know each other and our new classroom.

#### Staffing

**Monday to Friday:** Miss Norris and Mrs Skipp.

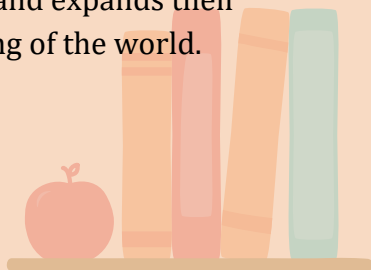
**Thursday Mornings:** Mrs Gallimore and Mrs Skipp.

### BUTTERFLY PROMISES

To use; listening ears, looking eyes, hands up, kind words and super sitting!

#### READING

The children will bring home a '**phonics**' based book and this is for them to read as independently as they can with your support. Sometimes these books will have no words or just a few. They will also get a **reading for pleasure book** for you to enjoy together. Reading should occur **5 times a week** as this helps to stimulate imagination and expands their understanding of the world.



## What else?

### LITERACY

This term we will share the story 'The First Rainbow' and following this focus on various Non-Fiction and Fiction texts. They will begin to know these texts really well and we encourage children to talk about the reading they do in full sentences.

Other key texts are:

- Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School, Anna Hibiscus' song, Polar Bear, Polar bear and All Join In.



## Maths

Each term we focus on an important Maths skill, called Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRF). This term it is **to say numbers in order to 5**. This includes counting both forwards and backwards from any number to 5. Throughout the term they will cover, comparing quantities using the terms 'less than or more than, sorting shapes and 'subitising' (instantly recognise quantities.)



## Top tips

- Try to talk about the pictures in books to support their understanding of the story.
- Practice your child's Maths learning step that is in their reading record as much as you can.



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## There's More?

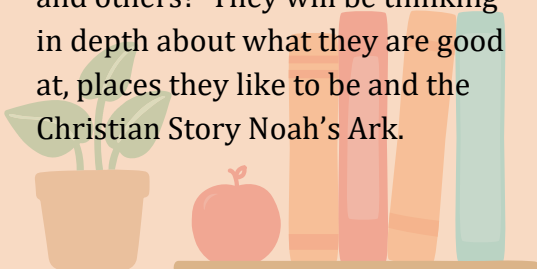
### ALL OTHER LEARNING

In **Music** this term, children will be learning to listen to and appraise a variety of songs. They will learn familiar songs and sing plenty of nursery rhymes each day.

In **PE** they will be practicing fundamental skills such as, balance, running, jumping, skipping and stopping safely. They will play group games and learn to follow rules.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)** will be where the children learn about "Being me in my World." They will explore how to help others to feel welcome, how to work alongside peers and how to make the classroom/school a better place.

Our **RE** topic this term is called: 'What makes people special to me and others?' They will be thinking in depth about what they are good at, places they like to be and the Christian Story Noah's Ark.



## Dates to Remember

Please engage with the school newsletter to receive the important dates for each term.

## Reminders



Children will need to wear their PE kit to school on **Mondays** this term please! We will be outside where possible so proper trainers or daps will be required, whilst also having layers as the weather changes.

Children in Butterflies spend lots of time learning outdoors, so please ensure they have a pair of wellies (labelled!) and a waterproof coat or suit that can be left at school.



## Learning Evidence

A learning summary will be uploaded to Tapestry at the end of each term, showing progress, and areas they may need support with. Please try to engage with this and share experiences from home.