



The Bawburgh School

(Above and Beyond for all)



Flamingos Newsletter

Autumn: Term 1

Notices

A big welcome to your first Autumn Term in Flamingos here at The Bawburgh School!

This is a welcome newsletter to give you some general information and to tell you a little bit about what we will be getting up to this term in class.

- Water bottles - please ensure all children bring in a named bottle of water each day (please avoid putting these in children's book bags as reading books will eventually be sent home and we would like to avoid getting soggy books).
- Trainers - children should have a pair of trainers that are kept in school for outdoor play and PE (no laces if possible).
- Wellies - children should have a pair of wellies in school so they can go and play outside in any type of weather.
- Snack - fruit is provided every day. Any extra snacks must be healthy and nut free. Tuck can be ordered on Tuesdays & Fridays for 40p. Please advise if you do not want your child to order tuck.
- Pick up and drop off: When let into the playground, please line up along the fence next to the Flamingo's outdoor area. Please be patient with me over the first few weeks as I try to learn all of your faces. Additionally, please inform myself or Mrs Tuma if someone different will be picking your child up in the afternoon.
- Tapestry - Tapestry is our main method between communication and home and is a key part of combining experiences between home and school. By now, you should have all had emails to link to your child's account. Once I have had all photo permission letters back, I will begin posting photos and videos of your children's play and learning experiences here in school.
- Next week we will begin having our celebration assemblies where I will give out certificates for achieving silver, gold and other awards.
- In a few weeks, we will begin weekly PE sessions in the hall on **Wednesdays**. Please ensure your children are sent into school in their PE kits. They will change into their trainers in school.

The Start of Term

What a fantastic first week we have had. I am honestly so proud of all my new Flamingo chicks! They have been amazing and settled in so quickly. We have been spending lots of time playing both outdoors and inside. Children are beginning to build some lovely relationships and becoming confident in their new environment.

Next week, I will begin completing the Reception Baseline Assessment. This is a new statutory requirement in the Reception this year. The assessment is short and informal and looks at children's maths, literacy and communication and language skills. I will provide you with a leaflet next week which provides you with more details around the assessment. Alongside this I will be continuing my own baselining to inform planning and support through observations and activities.

What are we learning about this half term?

This term our topic is Marvellous Me! We will be spending some time thinking and talking about what makes us unique. We will be thinking about what we look like and create some self and family portraits which will be discussed in our circle times to develop our communication and language. There will be lots of focus on developing our personal, social and emotional skills through games and activities. We will extend this into our Literacy lessons where we discuss stories and think about the characters, how they are feeling and what has happened.

Our phonics lessons will begin soon and we will introduce our handwriting scheme alongside this. Kinetic letters is a handwriting scheme that places a significant emphasis on children's core muscle strength and mark making strokes before moving on to letter formation. Once assessments are complete we will also start our maths lessons. Initially, this starts off by exploring shapes, size and patterns before leading into looking in depth at numbers 1 to 3. We will also have a shape of the week which we will explore in our continuous provision.

We are looking forward to a half term full of lots of learning, fun and play!