



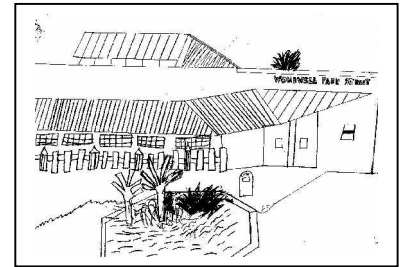
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Dear Parents and Carers of Brilliant Bumble Bees

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I hope you find the contents of this letter useful when talking to your child about what they are learning this term. Although this is not an exhaustive list, it should give you some ideas on how to support your child's learning at home so that they make even faster progress. Please feel free to ask the class teacher if you need any further information or help.

English: We will be investigating stories with familiar settings and learn what makes up a good story. Children will understand the sequence of events through a story and use this sequencing to write their own stories.

- At home children can discuss any stories read, the characters, content, and sequence of events. Children would benefit from discussing connective and descriptive vocabulary, for example can children extend what they say and add more detail using connective language. Children should describe items, places etc when possible. By encouraging children to develop their descriptive language you will encourage the depth children can add to their writing. We will be concentrating on punctuation throughout the year, therefore help with capital letters, full stops etc would be useful.

Numeracy: We are learning about counting, calculating and number facts and understanding shape. Children will be completing activities regarding number. Children will use their number knowledge to complete a variety of calculations. They will investigate shapes, understanding the differences between them and discussing their features.

- At home, practise counting up to 20 and in 5's and 10's up to 100. Children could also practice addition and subtraction to 20, children may struggle more so with subtraction, therefore encouraging children's number fact knowledge would be very beneficial.

Science: We will be looking at materials, where they come from, how to group them, their properties, and how they feel and look. We will be carrying out investigations into the properties of different materials and recording our results in tables and graphs.

- At home, you can talk about the properties of different materials and why they are good materials for their specific purposes. What different materials look and feel like, this will also relate to literacy regarding descriptive language.

Topic: We are learning about the world and what we can find out about the world around us.

We will be investigating different holidays, countries, and different ways of life around the world. Children will use maps to locate areas around the world and investigate these areas in relation to many factors such as climate, living, and schooling. We will also relate our continuous provision to our topic, therefore for the next few weeks our role play area is set up as a travel agents.

ICT: We are learning how to access and use computer programmes successfully and purposefully. We will use our ICT skills to complete searches on the Internet. ICT will be used throughout our learning and this will be integrated into our weekly activities.

At home, please make sure you are aware of what your child is accessing on the Internet and help us to reinforce Internet safety.

Our PE days are Monday and Friday. Please make sure children have black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps in line with the school policy. No jewellery to be worn on these days. On Friday PE will be outside and children may bring a tracksuit and trainers in addition to their normal PE kit on that day.

Reading: Children will read in school regularly and children should change their book daily so they always have something new to read to you at home. Children should bring their reading books and reading records to school each day.

Homework will be set on a Friday if appropriate and will not be a worksheet. Children will be required to find out information on certain subjects or events, or to make/design a piece of work to show their understanding of the topic we have covered that week.

Brilliant Bumble Bees are pleased to welcome Miss Greenhalgh into our class to support us throughout the school year.

Things to look forward to this term:

September 22nd is Harvest Festival
Week Beginning November 2nd is Writing Week
9th and 10th December – Christmas Nativity
16th December – Christmas Party

Yours sincerely,

Miss Walker
Class Teacher