

15 September 2023

Our ethos theme next week will be:

We think about everyone's right to learn.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are continuing to settle in very well and are developing their maturity in their approach to work and organisation.

When the Pupil Planners arrive, you will receive a copy of the class timetable.

English

In English lessons last week and this week, the children have looked at comprehension skills, letter writing skills and explored expanded noun phrases. They wrote a letter to Mrs Soutar last week, introducing themselves to her. This week, each child has worked on his/her letter of application to the SLT for the Captaincy Roles.

Next week, we will be working on "The Diary of Anne Frank" and starting work on exam papers.

Maths

Maths lessons have involved developing reasoning skills and working on place value with seven, eight and nine digit numbers. Mental Maths tests will be on a Tuesday.

The children have been working on Times Tables recall, and responded excellently to our TT Rockstars Day.

Next week, we will start working on exam papers.

Spellings

Please ensure that your child's Spelling Writing book is backed for when it is returned next week. Spelling homework should be completed by Thursday. The Spelling Writing book will be returned to the children on a Monday with the new spellings issued. Although the homework is due in on a Thursday, the book may come back to school if the Spelling writing has been done earlier. Each week there will be ten new spellings to learn. Every two weeks an additional 15 spellings will be issued. Ten random spellings will be selected from this list, so each week's test will be out of twenty.

Assessment Folders

The children's assessment files will be coming home each Friday for you to review. Each week please review your child's progress in our weekly tests and homework, and sign the cover sheet. Assessment folders should be returned to school each Monday or Tuesday.

Open Morning

We are hopeful that many children will join us for Open Morning on Saturday 30 September.

Our Open Morning is set to be very well attended and we need as many children as possible to be Froebelian Ambassadors. Form III and FIV pupils play an important role in the programme of activities, acting as guides for our visitors.

Children will need to be in school, in uniform (including blazer), by 9:50am on Saturday 30 September and should

be collected between 1:15pm and 1:30pm.

Please reply to the Open Morning email to confirm whether or not your child is able to attend by <u>Friday 22</u> <u>September</u>.

Reading & Planners

A reminder that the reading and the daily reflection sections of the Pupil Planner (when it arrives next week) should be completed every night, and the Planner should be in school every day. Please sign the planner over the weekend and write any additional comments that you feel are necessary.

Three Peaks Challenge

The date for the Three Peaks Challenge will be 18-20 October. More details will be sent next week with the full Kit List, but a couple of parents have asked about boots. Walking boots are required, rather than walking shoes, as there is not enough support in the ankle with walking shoes. If your child needs new ones, it would be a good idea to buy them as soon as possible so there is time to "break them in" before the trip.

If you have any worries or concerns about anything to do with your child, Mr Rawson and I are both available before and after school, so please feel free to come and see either of us immediately, or contact me on n.smith@froebelian.co.uk, or write a note in the Pupil Planner.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Nicky Smith and Joshua Rawson

Calendar Dates

Mon 18 September Heckmondwike Grammar School Exam

Sat 23 September WGS Open Day