

Kittens' Class

Summer Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the summer term newsletter. Yes, it's the summer term already. The children are now two-thirds of the way through their first year of school – how quick has that gone? It only seems like yesterday they were anxious little Kittens walking through the gates for the first time. In no time at all, they have transformed and in only a few months they will be fully grown Tigers - ready for the challenges of Year 1. There's a lot of work and more importantly, fun to be had between now and then. We will continue to do Maths and Phonics daily and our 'loose' theme for the term is 'life and growth.' To start the term, we incubated eggs and watched chicks hatch. We will also be planting vegetables and hopefully looking at a tadpole's transition to a frog! On top of this, there is also a Maths Revolution Day, a Kittens' Family Assembly and Sports Day to look forward to. A smorgasbord of delights!!

Summer is on the way and here to stay!?

With this in mind, please remember to send your child in with sun hats, water bottles and of course sun cream applied. During the summer they love playing outside and although there are shaded areas, it is still a little exposed. It would be great if they could wear the sun cream that lasts all day. Failing that, please put some in their bag and we will show them how to apply it to themselves. The adults are not permitted to apply sun cream.

During this term the children are also permitted to wear the Kedington Summer uniform. See the new school website or the school office for details.

Tapestry

Please continue to log on regularly. This is the best way for me to communicate things to you all. It is also a great way for you to see all the great learning and wonderful things that are happening in Kittens. It is really appreciated when you 'like' and/or comment on postings. It lets us know that somewhere out there in cyber-space someone is listening to us!

PE

PE will be on a Friday this term. This will make it so much easier and will give them a much longer and more intense and rewarding session. Please could you remember to tie back hair and remove all earrings? The children have come on so much and are now so much better at getting dressed and organising their own clothes.

Reading

Please continue to read regularly with your child. To remind you, if needed, I will change your child's reading books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. In the ideal world they will read at least two books a week. This helps reinforce their phonic knowledge and their understanding and comprehension of text. There is no doubt, the more they read, the more confident and fluent they become - many of the Kittens are beautiful little readers now. We will also aim to hear each child read at least once a week at school and we will write notes in the learning log to advise of any issues we may have noticed. Feel free to point out if you think your child is having problems with a particular phonic sound or tricky word and we will endeavour to help at school.

Playtimes, lunchtimes and lining up for school

To help with their transition to Year 1, the children will have their morning playtime with the rest of the school. They will do this until half-term. After half-term, the children will not have a playtime, but will instead go out to play at lunchtime on the big playground. This will help them settle and get used to such a wide open space and also help them make new friends. Elder siblings and the Year 6 children have been a great support over this last few days when the Kittens have ventured onto the big playground. I will be out there every day, until I feel they can cope without me needing to be a visible presence. So far, all appear to have coped remarkably well. If you feel though, that your child is having a problem, please feel free to pop in and see me and I will investigate. After half term, we will also get the children to line up in the morning, with the rest of the school. More detail on this, a little nearer the time.