



# Monkfrith School

## Autumn Term 2021

### Newsletter 2

Our first two days back last week went really well. At the start of the year there are always a mixture of emotions but all the children did really well. Whenever I went into a classroom on Thursday or Friday, they were enthusiastic and working hard.

#### Our Values for 2021-2

As we did last year we are building a lot of our PSHE around a shared value. This half term we have chosen **determination** as we hope that exploring this will give the children a strong foundation for the rest of the year. Children will be thinking about what it means to be determined and how it helps us to be successful both in school but also in other areas of our life.

#### Our Curriculum

At Monkfrith, we feel that children learn best when links are made between their learning. Each half term, each year group has a different learning theme, around which the majority of their curriculum is designed. Here is a flavour of what is to come but there will be more in the newsletter each week.

#### Year 1 - Moon Zoom

The children will be learning about space and the Moon using a range of space themed texts, including Beegu.

#### Year 2 - Scrumdiddlyumptious

The children will be learning about foods and where they come from. You can see from the photo they were having fun on Friday!

#### Year 3 - Predator

The children will be learning about different types of animal predators both past and present. They will be reading Krindlekrax by Philip Ridley as their class reader.

#### Year 4 - Potions

The children will be learning about solids, liquids and gases, the design and packaging of bottles and Alice in Wonderland.

#### Year 5- Beast Creator

This half term links to previous learning about minibests. The children will also have the opportunity to do some lovely creative writing. Their whole class reading text is Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo.

#### Year 6 - Revolution

The children will be learning about the changes that took place during the Victorian era. They will be reading Streetchild by Berlie Doherty.

#### Maths

At the start of the year all the classes begin with place value as this is the basis for learning throughout the year. If you would like to have a closer look at what your child will be learning each week, click [here](#).

#### Reading

Reading and books are at the heart of our school. Children will have opportunities to read throughout the day at school but it is also important for them to read at home.

It would be lovely to have more book reviews in the newsletter. It can be a book a child has read independently or one that you have shared together as a family. You just need to email the name of book and a short review (what it is about and who might enjoy it) to the Office. The photo is optional!



## New Reception Children

We look forward to welcoming our new children this week. Our Reception team can not wait to get started!

## End of the Day

Hopefully everyone is clear about where they are collecting their child from at the end of the day. I know it takes a bit of time to get used to a new place!

If you are collecting your child from Year 2, please do not arrive too early for pick up. At the moment Reception have not started but when they do, they will be picking up from those entrance points shortly before.

## Kingswood

If you have a child in Year 5 and 6 you will be receiving a medical form tomorrow. Please complete this and return to the Office by 13th September. Further information will be sent out later this week.

## Swimming

Just to let you know that swimming for Year 5 and 6 will not start until after half term. Information will be sent closer to the time. Year 4 will not be going until the Spring Term.

## Clubs

We will also be sending out a reminder about signing up for clubs. We are sorry about being let down by Elite Feet at the last minute. We should have a solution very soon.

## Breakfast Club and After School Club

Just a reminder that all bookings be emailed to [asc@monkfrithschool.co.uk](mailto:asc@monkfrithschool.co.uk) and should be sent by 11am on the day you need to the place. Please do not leave it until the last minute as there may not be a space available.

## Covid-19

### Self-isolation

- When we return in September, schools will no longer be involved in contact tracing, this will now be done through NHS Test and Trace.
- As you will know, from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August, children under the age of 18 and 6 months and fully-vaccinated adults no longer need to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with Covid-19, or are a close contact of someone with Covid-19.
- Those identified as a close contact will be informed by Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. There is not a requirement to self-isolate while awaiting PCR test results and so children can attend their setting as usual.
- Children should attend school as usual if they live in a house with someone who has tested positive, as long as they have no symptoms or have tested positive themselves.

