

# Butterflies Autumn 2 Newsletter

## Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to ensure uninterrupted progress and to enable children to exceed their potential. We actively involve the children in achieving this by holding weekly assemblies with a reward for each class who has 100% attendance. Certificates are awarded termly and yearly for all children who achieve 100%. With these rewards in place, the children wholeheartedly strive to be part of the winning class and the support of each other is a pleasure to see; please support your child and ensure they are regular attenders.

Good attendance is important because: your child needs to be in the academy to be able to learn and achieve; lessons are taught in a sequence and it can be difficult to catch up if a lesson is missed; children need to have relationships with others and to form lasting friendships; it develops a child's confidence to attempt new work and to work alongside others.

## Pupil Reward Points

### Being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing!

The reward scheme allows children to earn points for showing 'Green Behaviour' which may consist of trying hard in their work, being courteous and polite (possibly holding a door open), showing respect to others, arriving at school on time for registration and having the correct uniform.

Children also earn 5 points if they are picked to celebrate their work in the Thursday 'Star of the week' assembly. Children additionally earn points through job roles, the wage of points is preparing children for their later life.

Children save points and spend them at the academy Swap Shop.  
Pop in to see what your child could spend their points on.

## English

As part of our English learning we have a 30 minute guided reading session four times a week and 20 minute phonics sessions four times a week. As a school we follow a writing cycle which allows the children to practice key skills such as punctuation, grammar and spelling. The children are also given the opportunity to up-level and improve their earlier piece of writing. We also use 'Talk for Writing' strategies to embed key vocabulary and develop story structures. In writing this term, we will be looking at 'The Sheep-pig' by Dick King Smith. We will be writing a non-chronological report about farm animals as well as writing a persuasive letter.



## Maths

Classes have a daily Maths session and a short mental maths session. Children will be focusing on the following areas over this half term: number facts, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

It is really important that children develop a good grasp of mental maths and develop these skills. We encourage lots of counting activities and practical work involving numbers. KS1 children should be able to count on and back in steps of 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10. This builds a strong foundation for the multiplication and division facts. Therefore this is always a really good thing to practice with your children and to support them with their maths at home.

Maths is also taught through the Topic and children will enjoy using and applying their maths skills to solve problems during the afternoon sessions.

We have added yet more maths learning videos to our Estcourt Primary YouTube channel. They are short videos made for your children to support them with their learning by our teachers. **They can be found by searching our You Tube channel and their titles all start with SPTA Hull...**



## Topic

This half term will be very busy in the Butterflies Class. The children will continue to make huge leaps in their learning, further developing their skills allowing them to move forwards. The Butterflies current theme is 'Toys.' They will look at the history of toys as well as finding out what countries they came from. The

children will also look at the properties of different toys.



## P.E. / Sport

The Butterflies will have two PE sessions a week which will take place on a Monday and Tuesday. Children should bring outdoor kit for the Tuesday session. Please send your child with suitable clothing and footwear. The school policy is that no jewellery should be worn in PE for safety reasons. Please could you support us in this by removing earrings on PE days to save the need for taping over them.



## Homework

Homework will be set each week.

It will consist of:

- 10 Maths calculations - This goes out on a Friday and is collected in on a Thursday.
- Spellings - Spellings are sent out every Friday, to be practiced for a weekly spelling test every Friday.
- Reading - Each child will have their own reading book, which they will need to read at home. Children can answer questions based on their book in their reading record.



## Uniform

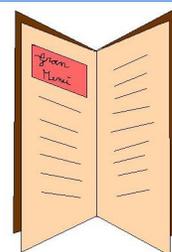
Could you please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked in each item of clothing as this helps greatly when things are lost, misplaced or unintentionally taken home by other children. Please check your child hasn't brought anything home by mistake. We may label uniform (not coats or outdoor shoes) if it is not clearly marked. If you do not wish for your child's uniform to be labelled, please contact the office to inform us.

As the weather is starting to change could you please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for playtimes and lunch times. We thank you for your continued support with this.



## Clubs

Clubs have begun again already this term. Please encourage your child to participate in as many as possible. If your child would like to suggest a club that is not currently running, please send them to see Mrs Leslie.



Remember to keep up to date with us!

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[estcourtprimary.net](http://estcourtprimary.net)

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@EstcourtYear2



## Purple Mash

We encourage the children to use Purple Mash. It is a learning tool which supports learning through fun games relating to Computing, History, Geography, Science, Maths, English as well as PSHE and Celebrations and Faiths. Access to Purple Mash is easy, there is a quick link on the academy website, in the Useful Links and Homework Help websites section.

Children have been provided with a log in and password, if you have any queries about Purple Mash, please ask your child's teacher.