



Pluto Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back. We hope you have enjoyed a relaxing break. This term is set to be another exciting term jam packed full of new learning, celebrations and of course, the lead up to Christmas!

Thank you to all those parents who were able to join us for the open afternoon. It was so lovely to welcome you into school. This term we have a new question to focus our learning; Who are we? We will be finding out about who we are as a class, and how we fit within the whole school community. We will be working together as a team, having lots of fun working collaboratively on creative projects and learning all about the festivals and celebrations that November and December bring. To kick start our new termly learning, we will be creating a collaborative piece of artwork to decorate our classroom door and working in teams to create a den of all dens!. We will be continuing to build on the graphemes that we have learnt so far to spell and write simple words, the children are all working so hard on their letter formation. In maths, we are learning about composition of numbers within 5 and continuing to practise subitising, (instantly recognising how many there are without needing to count), we will be learning about length and weight as well as 2d shape.

Phonics

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend the phonics information session. All the details from the session including how to pronounce the sounds and the actions will be available on the school website by the end of the week.

Please follow the link; <https://www.northroadprimaryschool.co.uk/phonics-reading-and-spelling/>

Each child has now received their Bug Club log in's and we have added books to support their reading.



Thank you for your support with the phonics homework so far. Please keep practising the sounds sent home. A letter formation ideas sheet will also be coming home soon – this will have ideas and fun activities you can do to support your child's gross and fine motor movement to support their letter formation and mark making.

Please share with us their home learning completed, through photos via class dojo. The children enjoy sharing their learning. We look forward to adding their photos onto our school values tree for all to see.

Reading

We ask that you read at home with your child every day, even if it is only one or two pages at a time and sign your child's yellow reading record when you have listened to them read.

Each read, of your child's banded reading book, logged in your child's reading record (one read per day or two reads if one has been logged at school by staff), counts towards our whole school Reading Awards. These range from bronze to platinum and are rewarded with certificates, bag tags, medals, pin badges, trophies and book tokens!

Once the book is completed please return the book and the yellow reading record in their book bag and we will change their book.

Library books will continue this term to be bought home on a Monday and returned on a Friday. (These do not need to be recorded in the reading records)



Christmas

With only 54 sleeps until Christmas, we have been busy planning this year's Christmas Performance!! Each year Pluto and Mars Class work together to perform a Christmas Nativity. This year's performance is called 'A Miracle in Town' and will be performed on the afternoon of Tuesday 5th Dec and on the morning of Wednesday 6th Dec. More information about tickets and costume requirements will follow in the coming weeks.



WOW Messages

A WOW message slip will be coming home in book bags this week. Please complete one if you would to share something WOW that your child has achieved. These WOW message slips are available at any point during the term, please just let us know if you would like one sent home.

Can you Help?

Thank you so much to Everly's and Avie's parents for their kind donations last term. We are very appreciative of the items you donated.

This term, we are looking for the following items to enhance the learning and environment within Pluto class, can you help us?

- * Bags of top soil for our Mud Kitchen
- * Spring Bulbs or winter bedding plants
- * Kitchen weighing scales like those pictured.



Dates for your Diary

6/11 and 9/11 - Parents' Evening

10/11 - Flu Vaccinations

5/12 and 6/12 - Pluto and Mars Nativity to Parents

We are always available to answer queries or questions in person at the beginning, end of each day or via the Class Dojo App. No question is too silly!

Yours Sincerely

Miss Hobbs, Miss Tyler and Mrs Pearce