



Pluto Class Newsletter – Spring – Term 3

January 2026

Dear Pluto Class Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back and finding out about their Christmas'.

Our new learning focus for next two terms will be 'Fantastic Journeys'. In this first term we will be exploring different types of journeys, and we will be answering the question 'What if I went on a journey?' We will also look closely at the weather and festivals/celebrations that are happening this term as well as continuing with phase 3 phonics, blending and segmenting sounds to help us read and spell. Learning to write with finger spaces and in Maths, we are exploring the composition of numbers (the different ways we can make each number) and use the language of comparison to compare numbers.

We will be learning and using new vocabulary across the term. Please support your child to use this language when talking about their learning at home.

Curriculum Vocabulary	
Journey	Arctic
Transport	Antarctic
Directional Language – forwards / backwards / across / along / left and right turn	Subitise (when you are able to look at a group of objects and realise how many there are without counting)
Sculpture	Equal to (same as)
Pedestrian	Fewer
Globe	

Termly Learning and WOW!

To begin our new topic, we would like to give the children a WOW experience. This will engage the children to be excited to find out more, generate new questions and interests in our learning. On Tuesday 13th January, please can your child come to school wearing their normal school uniform but with a summer t-shirt instead of their school polo shirt. They will also need a small bag packed for a holiday in the sun! Please include a pair of sunglasses, a sun hat and a special cuddly friend that would like to come too! We are leaving the cold winter behind and we're off somewhere hot!



Ted the Bear

To enhance our learning further, we will be introducing the children to Ted the bear. Ted is a bear who loves to explore and travel! He will be coming home with a member of the class every Friday and spend the weekend with you at your home. He comes with his own suitcase and all the necessities for staying away! We would love for the children to take Ted with them wherever they go or do on a weekend. We will invite the children (and Ted – of course!) to tell us about his travels on a Monday. Ted will go home with each child in the class between now and Term 5. A sign-up sheet will be available next week. Thank you.

PE Days

This term, our PE days will be every Wednesday with Mr Owers, our Sports Coach and with Miss Hobbs and Mrs George on a Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE Kit on these days, long hair is tied back and earrings are removed or taped.



Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs Thomerson to Pluto Class. Mrs Thomerson is working alongside Mrs Daone, in Jupiter class and covering Miss Hobbs on alternate Wednesdays in Pluto class. Mrs George and Mrs O'Neil will continue to support on Wednesdays as before.

Homework and Reading

Flashcards will continue to be sent out each Friday for your child to practise the phonemes we have covered that week. Alongside these flashcards, we will begin to send home a sheet of words that you can read; cut up to learn how to spell; duplicate to make pairs games or use for a word hunt. These words are a revision of graphemes already taught. Please make sure that reading books are returned to school in their book bags each day so that we can change any reading books and add any additional messages that need to be sent home. We cannot stress the importance of reading enough so 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 school 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. This term, Library books will be sent home on a Friday and returned to school by the following Thursday, please.

Filled Baguettes

Our menu now includes a daily filled baguette option. Fillings include Tuna Mayonnaise, Egg Mayonnaise or Cheese. Salad is also available and the usual dessert choices.

Celebrating Achievements:

A Wow message will come home in their book bags this week, please complete it when you feel there is something WOW that you would like to share about your child. We look forward to receiving them.



Every Thursday, we have our school celebration assembly. If your child has earned any certificates or awards outside of school (this may also be your WOW), please send it in and we can celebrate this in assembly. Within the assembly we also celebrate the children's success with a star of the week, for a child who has demonstrated positive behaviour and commitment in their learning. We award a certificate to the child who has the highest dojo total of the week. We also award a fruity milkshake winner to a child who has gone above and beyond in their learning. House points collected in the

week, join together with the rest of the school to give an overall house winner for the week, of which the totals are shared on our school website. Well done to Tyndale House, who were Term 2's overall winners! They enjoyed an extra playtime at the end of term.

During our assembly time on a Wednesday, we celebrate personal achievements in art, science and technology. If your child has been working on a project at home that demonstrates their school values in action, for example a special piece of artwork, a craft project, a Lego design model, and they would like to showcase it, please send us a Dojo message so that we can arrange for your child to celebrate their achievement with the rest of the school.

Reminders and dates:

- Our PE Days are now Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Tuesday 13th Jan – Wow! We're off somewhere hot!
- Thursday 15th Jan – Themed Lunch Day, please see the whole school newsletter for more details.
- Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 13th February – Break the Rules Day – Fundraising for a bank of iPads.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always available before or after school and via the Class Dojo app.

Kind regards

Miss Hobbs, Mrs Pearce, Mrs George and Mrs O'Neil