

Welcome
to
Puffins Class



Teaching Staff

Teachers

- *Mrs McKinney: Monday*
- *Mrs Phillips: Tuesday to Friday*


Teaching Assistant - Miss Grimshaw (Monday – Friday am)





Morning drop off and pick up

- *Puffins children can go to either gate in the morning (car park or road). A member of staff will greet them by the gate and direct them to their classroom.*
- *We have been trialling collection from the road gate (rather than the car park gate). How has this been working?*
- *If you have multiple children at school and need to share a gate please let us know.*



What should they bring with them?

- Their reading book and reading record*
- A bag or rucksack*
- A named water bottle*
- A coat with hood each day*
- A healthy snack such as fruit for break time.*
- They can have their own pencil case, we will provide the required pen/pens/pencils but children can bring in their own too and store our school pens etc in their pencil cases.*

Contact with school

Please use the parent contact email:

parentcontact@trefonen.shropshire.sch.uk

Or telephone the office 01691 652960

Please check the newsletters for dates and pupils' contributions.






Our Day in the Puffins

- *Our school day is divided into different sessions. We have a playtime in the morning and an afternoon jog/walk on the days where we don't have PE.*
- *The children have daily spelling, reading, maths and English sessions plus one or two other curriculum areas each day.*
- *Pupils enjoy taking on responsibilities in class like PE monitors or Librarians/Reading Champions. They also like to run little clubs at lunch times e.g. chess/board games, Art club, Book club etc*
- *This term some of our topics are: The Ancient Egyptians, Llandudno – a contrasting locality, and architecture in art.*



PE

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- Our PE sessions are planned to take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On these days children should wear black shorts or tracksuit bottoms to school (depending on the weather) with white T -shirt/ school polo shirt, school jumper and trainers.
 - If the weather is ok, I always try to get outside so it might be worth having a spare pair of dry socks or even old trainers to swop into.
 - Children must remove watches for PE and children with earrings must either remove them for the session or tape them up with surgical tape or plasters. We are not allowed to assist children with removing or inserting ear rings.

John Muir Discovery Award – Bwlytai woods or playing field: conservation work and tree planting



Multiplication Tables

- *By the end of Year 4 pupils are expected to know all of their tables up to 12 x 12. They will be building upon the end of Year 3 expectation (2,5,10,3,4 and 8 facts). We will work on times table facts daily and have regular recall tests.*
- *Year 5s are expected to know all tables up to 12 x 12.*
- *Year 4s take a national online 'Multiplication Check' in the Summer Term.*
- *Timestables.co.uk, DK Tables, Hit the Button are great free APPs for practising table facts. Please help them learn these at home.*

Reading



- *Your child will read at least once a week with the Class Teachers or Teaching Assistant. We also have a volunteer reader.*
- *This reading may be in a group session or one to one. The children will be given personal reading records to record all of the reading that they do at home. Children should be reading and discussing their book on a daily basis where possible at home. It will really help to develop comprehension skills if you ask your child questions about the book and parts that they have read to you. Please refer to our 'Guide to Book Bands' on the website for further information.*
- *Reading books and reading records should be in school each day and taken home every evening.*

Homework



We want it to be a positive partnership with home and an important part of the children's personal development, whilst extending their learning and health. The key focus is on daily reading at home - poster 'Supporting Readers at Home'. **So, always reading!** Please continue to make entries in your child's Reading Record. **And always timestables!**

Termly Challenges

Each term there is a **termly challenge** - starting with the **Reading challenge – BINGO!** There are lots of other exciting challenges to choose from throughout the year

There is also the **Family activities** using the *Activity passports and aiming for 3 a term, which are full of fantastic ideas such as museum trips or cooking.

*Please take an Activity Passport sheet home today

More detail on the next page - Thank you for your support in this matter.



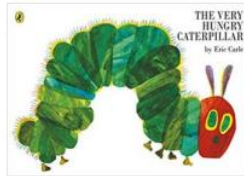
Supporting Readers at Home



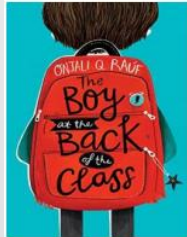
Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.



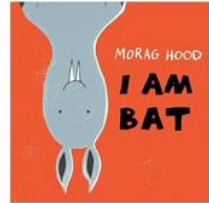
Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.



Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.



Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.



Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!



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For more ideas see the OU website: www.ourfp.org



Year 4 – Wrens Class & Puffins Class

Curriculum Area	Homework	How often
Reading	Daily reading with an adult	Every day
Maths	Weekly on-line maths activities - Practicing times tables: Learn 6s, 7s, 9s, 11s and 12s Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds (topmarks.co.uk) Times tables games - Learn them all here! Primary Parents (maths.org) 1-minute maths app White Rose Education	2 x 10 minutes per week
Speaking & Listening	Learn a poem by heart to share with the class	Once each term
Health	30 minute Active Challenge	30 minutes exercise every day
Termly Challenge	Choose a challenge from our list	1 per term (Reading Challenge in Autumn term)
Family activities	Activity Passport My Activity Passport (publishing.service.gov.uk)	3 activities per term – your choice



Year 5 – Puffins & Hawks Class

Curriculum Area	Homework	How often
Reading	Daily Reading with an adult	Every day
Maths	Weekly on-line Maths Task: www.maths.co.uk (Individual pupil logins will be provided by school) Times tables games - Learn them all here! Primary Parents (maths.org)	Weekly
Speaking & Listening	Learn a poem by heart to share with the class	One each term
Health	30 minute Active Challenge	30 minutes exercise every day
Termly Challenge	Choose a challenge from our list	1 per term (Reading Challenge in Autumn term)
Family activities	Activity Passport My Activity Passport (publishing.service.gov.uk)	3 activities per term – your choice



Communication with home

- *Class Dojo*
- *Weekly Newsletter*
- *Website – lots of useful links e.g. Homework*
- *Reading records – make a note for us in there*
- *Catch each other on the gates – pick up and drop off*
- *Call the office 01691652960 or email parentcontact.Shropshire.sch.uk*
- *Pupil progress meetings in November*
- *FOTS*



Home time collection

Home time collection is 3.25pm. We will bring the children over to line up inside the gate on School Lane. We will hand over your child to the adult collecting them. Please bear with us as we get used to recognising which adults are picking up the children at the start of the year. It may take a few minutes for your child to be handed over, even though you have seen each other. If your child is going home with anyone different to usual please call the office to let us know before home time. We will not be able to hand over your child unless we have been informed.