



Lower Phase Newsletter

Welcome to Winhills Lower Phase unit for Reception and Year 1 children. We hope the children are excited about being back at school and enjoying the creative activities. Welcome to the new children and their families who have joined us this term.

Welcome to the Lower Phase Unit

We are delighted with how the children have returned to school and settled into the Lower Phase unit which has Reception and Year 1 children in three classes.

We are known as:

Topaz Class Reception Mrs Fitzsimons

Opal Class Reception and Year 1
Miss Knox and Mrs Pearce.

Emerald Class Year 1 Mrs Barnes.

Mrs Passan will also be in the unit on Monday and Thursday.

Teaching assistants in the unit are:

Mrs Carter, Miss Hicks, Mrs McManus and Mrs Miles.

Other class names can be found on newsletter sent out last Friday.

Reminders

Wednesday is PE day for all the children. Please remove any ear rings your child is wearing. You will need to provide a PE kit and bag for your child. (School PE bags now available in the office).

PE kit: Plain white T shirt, black shorts.

Indoor PE shoes are needed to change into on a wet weather day.

Snack money of £1 per child each week on Mondays please.

Library books will be changed on Friday if they are in the children's blue school bags.

Reading Books

Year 1 children are to read five times a week and one book talk to achieve their home work target for reading.

Thank You.

Creative weeks.

Since the children returned to school, we have been supporting the children with the routine and expected behaviour in the unit and school. We continue to use our behaviour policy of the sun, 1, 2 and the cloud. The children will receive a treat on a Friday if their name peg is on the sunshine.

We have been taking part in creative activities such as Dance with Miss Johnson, Zumba with Miss Duff and year1 have been Indian drumming with Mr Suali.

Reception children have been drawing pictures of themselves and their families and painting pictures of their holiday experiences. They also made some collage pictures with natural materials, paint and pens. Some children have made faces on large stones with paint, pastels and pens. The outdoor area has been very popular whilst the weather continues to be good.

Reading Books

Reception children are to read 5 times in a week, which needs to be Book Talk at this stage. (Talk and ask questions about the book). Picture books have been given to reception children today. These have a pink and gold label on the back of the book.

Year 1 children have made pictures linked to story books. They have written about The Sandwich that Max Made and made butter. They enjoyed tasting it when they made their own sandwiches.

Emerald class have had a Music day, making and playing instruments, as well as a Science day making spinners.

The children have completed self portraits using a variety of art media.