# Grasshoppers Class Important information



## Autumn term themes: 'Nurturing Nurses' and 'What a Wonderful World'

If your child would like to bring any books, artefacts or information that could help us with our topic, this would be great but please make sure they are clearly labelled so they can be returned.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the summer break, we hope you all had a good rest.

#### Overview:

Please find enclosed information regarding topics and timetables. The themes for this term are 'Nurturing Nurses' and 'What a Wonderful World'. On the overview opposite, you will see the themes that your child will be working on, and the other curriculum areas which will also be covered. Communication is very important between home and school and at Stepgates Community School, we want you to be fully informed.

#### Home Learning:

Further details regarding the expectations for home learning for this academic year are detailed within the letter sent on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### School Uniform:

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform at all times and on Mondays, when Year 2 have PE, your child comes to school wearing their full PE kit, which includes clothes for warmth as we will be holding sessions outside where possible. Forest Schools kit lists for sessions this year can also be obtained from Miss Dyos, Forest Schools leader if required. Further information regarding Forest Schools sessions will be issued in due course.

<u>Water Bottles:</u> Even though the weather is cooler, please encourage your child to bring a bottle of water, clearly labelled with their name, into class to ensure they can have a drink during lesson time and throughout the day.

<u>Meet the Teacher</u> - On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, there will be an opportunity to attend a "Meet the Teacher" meeting to talk about the expectations in Year 2 and any other topics you wish to know more about. Please note, we will be unable to answer specific concerns regarding individual children at this time - if you wish to speak in greater detail about matters concerning your child, an additional meeting will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time. For full information about forthcoming important dates for the school year, please refer to our website and our fortnightly "Headlines" newsletter.

All staff have high expectations of the children in Grasshoppers and wish to celebrate their success. Your child will be rewarded in class with stickers, certificates and raffle tickets. These rewards will be given for effort and good behaviour and we know that you will enjoy sharing their achievements. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we look forward to seeing you later on in the term. If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to email us directly on the email address listed below.

Yours faithfully, Mrs Conn and Mrs Bywater

<ul> <li>English</li> <li>Author study - Oliver Jeffers</li> <li>Twists in the tale - Goldilocks</li> <li>Florence Nightingale</li> <li>The Polar Express</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maths</li> <li>Place Value</li> <li>Addition and Subtraction</li> <li>Shape</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Science</li> <li>Animal needs for survival</li> <li>Humans</li> <li>Materials</li> <li>Plastic</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Computing</li> <li>Managing Online Information</li> <li>Online Safety and Exploring Purple Mash</li> <li>Animated Story Books</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>DT</li> <li>Pouches (Textiles)</li> </ul>	Art Artist of the month: Sept - Pablo Picasso Oct - Stephen McMennamy Nov - Paul Clay Dec - Raymond Briggs • Nature Sculptures
<ul> <li>History <ul> <li>Nurturing Nurses</li> <li>(Significant People)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Black History Month</li> </ul>	<b>Geography</b> • What a Wonderful World!	<ul><li>PE</li><li>Team Building</li><li>Swimming</li><li>Gymnastics</li></ul>
<ul> <li>RE</li> <li>What is God like for Christians?</li> <li>Why do Jewish families celebrate the gift of Shabbat?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><b>PSHE</b></li> <li><u>Jigsaw</u></li> <li>Being Me in My World</li> <li>Celebrating Difference</li> </ul>	<b>Music</b> <u>Composer of the month:</u> Sept - John Williams Oct - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Nov - Bob Marley Dec - Bing Crosby
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