

Myton Park Primary School

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Start of the New Academic Year

It has been lovely to see the children back at school. Our Reception children have settled well and we are now fully into our routines.

The children have been learning their phonics – do look out for a letter that will be sent out to invite parents from EYFS and Key Stage 1 to a meeting after the half term break inviting you to come and find out about how we teach the children phonics so you can support them at home.

We continue to work hard to encourage the children to master basic skills – such as spellings and tables. Please do encourage them to practice these skills – it really is an essential part of their learning and helps to raise standards.

We are also working hard to encourage the children to read regularly. The older children especially, can tend to drift away from regular reading so we are working really hard to encourage them to maintain this all the way through their primary years. Please do get on board with this as it does make such a huge difference to their reading and their comprehension.

Contacting Staff

Please do note our school policy of contacting staff. I am more than happy to chat with you about any queries you may have, but please do chat with class teachers in the first instance with anything linked to teaching or behaviour. They are always happy to deal with any questions.

PTA

Our PTA continue to work hard to support school. With current school funding, we are increasingly unable to supplement school trips as we used to. The PTA are very keen to help in any way they can – so please do get involved. Their accumulator is certainly well worth a punt.

Uniform

This continues to be an essential part of our standards. Please do encourage your children to follow our standards fully. Please can we remind you that ear-rings should be plain and hair adornments should be small and simple, preferably in school colours.

Nail varnish isn't permitted in any circumstances. We also ask that children wear proper school shoes and do not wear trainers.

Assembly Theme

Our theme this term has been "Resilience". The children have responded so well to this and have talked in a very mature way about their approach to difficult situations. Do take a look on the website to see some examples of some of our assemblies.

Feedback from the LA

We have recently had 2 letters from the LA regarding work from the summer term. Our writing from Year 6 was moderated by the local authority. This is when the LA come into school to check that our assessments are rigorous and tight. They agreed with all our levels and commented on the level of knowledge from staff in understanding the assessment criteria.

Our current Year 3 class was also congratulated. In year 2 they achieved the highest percentage of children who achieved what is now called "greater depth" in maths. This means that we had the highest percentage of children achieving above the expected levels in maths out of all the schools in Stockton. With the increased demands of the curriculum – this is an achievement to be proud of.

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Class News

Nursery

This half term we have enjoyed meeting our new friends and helping them to settle into the nursery routine. We have talked about our homes and families and have read some traditional stories such as *The Three Little Pigs* and *The Little Red Hen*. We have walked in the local area, written shopping lists and visited Tesco to buy ingredients to make pizzas. We have had visitors from the local library and Jo from Funky Feet.

Over the next few weeks your child will be bringing home a Beat Baby Bag, please encourage them to say the rhymes and read the story together. Next half term there will be lots of activities planned for Christmas, we hope you will enjoy joining in with us. Please remember if you have any concerns/queries, a member of staff is always available at the beginning/end of each session.

Reception

The children in Reception have settled really well into their new classroom and are beginning to understand and follow our classroom routines. They are getting to know their new friends, areas of the classroom and all the other parts of our school. During this settling in time we have started to take part in activities within the 17 areas of learning of EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage). The children are starting to learn and practise their sounds and begin to practise maths using their numbers to 20. During the next two weeks the children will have learning focussed around autumn. The children should all now have a reading record in their book bag. Their book should be changed at least once a week initially and have a comment written in their reading record by a member of staff. Please use this reading record to comment on reading they do at home and for non-urgent messages. The children should receive their homework book on Thursday each week with an activity to complete in time for their book to be returned by the following Monday. Except with extenuating circumstances could parents please ensure the prompt return of homework books as they allows an easy 'turn around' of 30 homework books. Thank you to parents and carers for all your support during this important first half term in school. Thank you also for your contributions to our Reception fund. This allows us to buy exciting extra resources and our ingredients for our weekly baking.

Year 1

The children have had a fantastic start to Year 1 and have persevered through tiredness. Well done!! In Maths, children have been working with numbers to 100, recognising, counting, ordering, adding and subtracting. They have also been learning how to divide shapes, numbers and objects into halves and quarters. In English, they have been looking at how to write instructions, familiar stories and writing lists and captions. In Science, they have been looking at the changes in weather and their surroundings in the transition between summer and autumn. We are currently monitoring the weather in the school garden. Our topic has been "Marvellous Machines" and the children have thoroughly enjoyed looking at not only modern machines but machines through history.

In all it has been a great start to the school year and I hope the children are ready for more hard work next half term.

Year 2

We have settled well into the new rules and routines of Year 2 and are enjoying our Marvellous Machines topic. In English, we have written robot poems, instructions and stories about machines. We have found out about the life of George Stephenson and the Stockton to Darlington Railway. In Art, we have painted a robot using the pointillist technique and made a robot model. We are enjoying our maths work, adding and subtracting, exploring shape and collecting data.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Year 3

We have had a great start to the year. The children have settled well and have completed many aspects of work including poetry and data handling. The children enjoyed their swimming and have progressed well during their time.

Mrs Lee has been very pleased with the way the children have managed while Mr Lamb has been on his paternity leave. They have worked well and shown a mature attitude to their work. We have been talking about developing their determination and having a really positive view of themselves as learners. Their topic this term is Ancient Egypt, where the children have enjoyed finding out about life during this time period. They have found out about the pyramids and the important role of the river Nile. They discovered some gruesome facts about the process of mummification and were able to explain the process, ordering instructions. The children have also enjoyed learning about hieroglyphics and writing their own names in hieroglyphics.

In science they have been learning about the body, the different parts and how to keep it healthy through diet and exercise.

Year 4

We have had a fantastic start to the year, with all of the children settling very well and working their socks off. We are really enjoying finding out about the Ancient Egyptians, especially all the gory details of the mummification process.

In English, we have written our own personification poem and took part in performing 'The Raven' by Robert Louis Stevenson. We have also published some of our work on Pobble. We have mastered the art of adding and subtracting fractions in maths as well developing our understanding of the formal written methods for addition and subtraction.

We have had a fantastic effort from all of the children in raising donations for our class charity this year and have raised over £500 so far. Thank you very much for all of your continued support.

Year 5

We have all settled in and are working hard. One thing we have noticed is that our knowledge of times tables needs some work. We are enjoying art and making our hoax photographs. We have also been learning a song and to accompany it in music. Our football and tag rugby teams have done really well. Everyone is looking forward to performing in the Harvest Festival and to our visit to Eden Camp.

Year 6

Year 6 have had an amazing start to the year. Whilst working extremely hard, we have had lots of experiences to enhance our learning. We loved our residential at Robin Wood where we took part on the zip wire, canoeing, raft building, rock climbing, the giant swing, archery, caving and many more exciting activities. Our topic this term has been World War II which has included a day at Eden Camp. In PE and Music we have been taking part in the National Nutcracker project which has included choreographing our own routine, learning about Tchaikovsky. In science we have been investigating light and how it travels.

PE

We have attended several sporting cluster events including football and tag rugby. All the teams have demonstrated an exemplary attitude and behaviour. We were victorious in both events and a team is now representing the Ingleby Barwick cluster in the Stockton finals. We are looking forward to upcoming events such as golf, basketball and netball.

School Council

This half term we have held our school council elections.

The children have enjoyed campaigning for votes, creating posters and taking part in debates and speeches. I would like to congratulate all nominees for running great campaigns and trying hard to win votes. On Thursday 5th October we held our election. The children took turns to vote in an official voting booth and placed their votes into the ballot box. Once votes were counted the successful candidates were announced. Well done everyone!

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This year's school council members are:

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Beth and Seb

Bella and Ollie

Angelica and Henry

Evie and Alex

Isla and Thomas

Poppy and Rowan

Martha and Joel



Future Dates

23rd – 27th October 17

October half term holidays

30th October 17

PD Day (school closed to the children)

31st October 17

Children return after October half term holiday

31st October 17

Y3 consultation evening

1st November 17

Nursery/Reception Disco

2nd November 17

Y3/Y4 trip

2nd November 17

Y3 consultation evening

2nd November 17

Y6 family assembly

9th November 17

Y5 family assembly

16th November 17

Y4 family assembly

17th November 17

Children in Need Day

23rd November 17

Y3 family assembly

2nd December 17

Christmas Fayre

7th December 17

Y1 – Y6 Pantomime at The Arc

12th December 17

Crib Service at St Francis Church (Nursery and Reception)

12th December 17

Y1/Y2/Y3 Christmas Performance

13th December 17

Christingle at St Francis Church

14th December 17

Crib Service at St Francis Church (Nursery and Reception)

14th December 17

Y4/Y5/Y6 Christmas Performance

19th December 17

Nursery trip to The Arc

19th December 17

Y1/Y2/Y3 Christmas Party

20th December 17

Christmas Lunch

20th December 17

Nursery/Reception party

21st December 17

Nursery and Reception trip to The Arc

21st December 17

Y4/Y5/Y6 Christmas Party

25th December 17 – 5th January 18

Christmas holidays

8th January 18

Children return to school after Christmas holidays