



Newsletter Autumn 1 Donaldson Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new term and year. I hope you have had a fantastic and restful (where possible) summer. It is great to see the children back smiling and ready to learn.

This newsletter is to inform you of some of the important information and dates about the children's learning and events that are happening this term. Please keep an eye on MyEd for all the latest news and updates regarding events happening at Fishtoft Academy.

You can also keep up to date with the latest news by following us on Facebook and X.

Thanks for you continued support!

Miss C

Please find a link to translate this newsletter to another language - [Google Translate](#)

Znajdź link do przetłumaczenia tego biuletynu na inny język - [Google Translate](#)

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Important term dates

Donaldson Class Curriculum Evening - Monday 14th September

Phonics Evening - Monday 21st September

Parents Evening - Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October

Last day of term - Friday 23rd October

Our Curriculum

Maths:

In maths this term the children will be learning about:

- Place value (within 20) - Year 1&2
- Addition and subtraction (within 20) - Year 1&2
- Subitizing - EYFS
- Number recognition (within 10) - EYFS

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support your child's learning:

[Free EYFS Teaching Resources for Lesson Planning | Oak National Academy](#)

[Free KS1 Teaching Resources for Lesson Planning | Oak National Academy](#)

English:

In English this term the children will be writing to entertain, focussing on the class texts, The Gruffalo's Child, Red Sings From Treetops: A Year in Colours and We're Going on a Bear Hunt. The children will be writing their own descriptions of characters and settings in this story, with a focus on adjectives, nouns and lists.

Reception children will be exposed to a variety of different stories and focus on developing their letter formation and fine motor skills.

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Spelling Shed

To help develop the children's spelling, we use Spelling shed. This program has fantastic games/resources to help the children practice their weekly spellings. The children will be given assignments every week based on a spelling rule and will then be tested in class on that rule the following week.

Please find the link for Spelling Shed below:

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

Science

In Science the children will be learning about animals including Humans, focusing on the key questions:

- What is an animal?
- How are animals different?
- Do all animals eat the same thing?
- What are our body parts called?

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support your child's learning:

[Identifying plants and their basic parts KS1 | Y1 Science Lesson Resources | Oak National Academy](#)

[Growing \(Plants\) EARLY-YEARS-FOUNDATION-STAGE | YR Understanding the world Lesson Resources | Oak National Academy](#)

Geography:

Our Geography topic for the term is Forest Rangers. The children will be learning about:

- What is the weather like in our country?
- How do I read a map accurately?
- Is the weather the same in all countries?
- What is the climate like in rainforests?
- What are the key human and physical features in our local area?
- How can I use a key to help map my school?
- What are the layers of a rainforest?

- What animals live in the rainforest?
- What forests can be found in the UK?
- How are UK forests different to rainforests?
- How should we protect our rainforests?

Important Info

Boom Reader

Your child will be allocated 3 reading books. We will continue to use Boom Reader to log reading activity. When using this application, could you please log reading with a parent and when the children read to themselves.

To access Boom Reader, please click on the link below:

[BoomReader Parents \(go-read.co.uk\)](https://go-read.co.uk)

If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. The homework is always fully explained to the children and often recaps things they have been learning in class. The children will be sent home with a copy of the pick and mix grid which has the homework for the term on (this is also available on the school's website). If there are any issues or problems with the homework, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that water bottles contain only water as squash and fizzy drinks are not permitted in the classroom. We also ask that all water bottles are named so the children can easily identify theirs and that they are plastic. Glass bottles are not permitted in school.

PlusPay

Fishtoft Academy is a cashless school. To support this, we use an app called PlusPay to pay for a range of things in school (Breakfast/Afterschool club, Trips etc.). If you have any issues throughout the year with PlusPay, please see Mrs Bringeman in the school office.

MyEd

Please keep an eye on MyEd as any important information, notices and letters will be posted on the app. We will also post some of the amazing work the children have been doing in class and celebrate some of their successes through our social media platforms. If you have any issues/problems with accessing MyEd please see Mrs Bringeman in the office.

Carrot Rewards

Children can earn a range of certificates based on the amount of Carrot Reward points they earn and at the end of every term the 10 highest earners will win special certificates to celebrate their hard work. As well as this, the Carrot Reward points can be spent in the online shop and the items the children buy will be brought down to the classroom by Mrs. Bringeman

To access Carrot Rewards please click on the following link - [School Rewards Platform | Carrot Rewards](#)

Doors

The playground gates will open at 8:35am and will close again promptly at 8:45am. Anyone arriving after that time will need to go to the office to be signed in. Gates will reopen again at 3:15pm for collection.

We also ask that people are mindful when parking their cars at busy times and be respectful to the local community and each other when parking in the car park. Where possible, we encourage our families to use other methods of getting to school, rather than cars, to ease congestion.

Appointments

If you wish to discuss and problems/issues that arise, then please arrange an appointment at the office with Mrs Bringeman and we will be happy to meet with you.