

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 7 - 2018

Spelling at Churchtown



After half term, we will be adopting a new approach to the teaching and learning of spellings at Churchtown Primary School.

Following discussions within the school and in line with our School Improvement Plan for 2018/19, we will be using the No Nonsense Spelling Programme. This is used in many schools nationally and is recognised for being an effective approach in raising standards in spelling.

This uses an investigative approach that allows children to explore a spelling pattern (as indicated in the National Curriculum Statutory Requirements), learn rules and find their own words that fit the pattern.

Why we are changing our practice:

- to support with spelling progression from year 2 - year 6
- to make clear links between phonics in Early Years and KS1, and spelling at KS2
- to provide regular short-burst lessons throughout the week
- to build on children's knowledge of spelling patterns
- to improve the transference of spellings to their independent writing
- to give children greater independence and responsibility over their own spellings

How will this look?

Children will **no longer** bring home a set list of up to 20 spellings to learn for the following week. Instead, children will be assessed in a variety of ways using a range of formal and informal methods and this will be part of an ongoing assessment.

It is very important that children practise the strategies that are covered in class to find the most effective methods that work for them. This will enable them to become successful spellers and this is where we need your help.

Children will bring home a shorter list of up to 10 spellings to practise using and identifying the pattern. Children should be encouraged to find other words that use the same pattern to reinforce their learning and broaden their vocabulary. The list may also include personalised spellings taken from their independent writing.

Early Years

Teachers will continue to focus on reading with the children to identify different sounds in words using the phonics programme.

Year 1

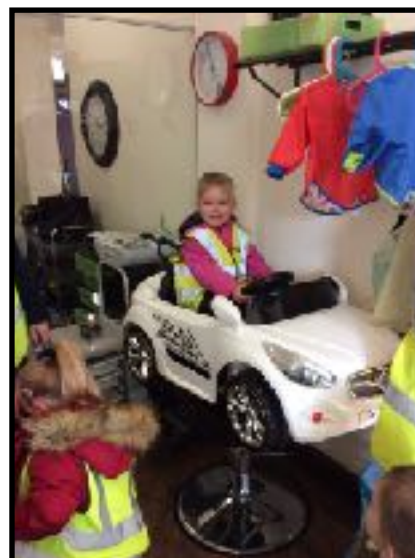
All children will focus on a pattern(s) each week. All children will be expected to learn common exception words across the year. Children will either focus on the reading or spelling of a pattern based on the child's need.

More information on how to support your child at home will follow next half term.


HAVE A LOVELY HALF TERM

Our Visit to the Hairdressers

In the classroom, Reception have been learning about when Kipper went to the hairdressers as part of our Talk4Writing sessions, each classroom has a hairdressers role play area where the children can act out their experiences and develop their language skills. Last week, some children from Reception were chosen to go and visit Ruma Hair and Beauty in Churchtown. Hayley, the manager at the salon invited some children to go and visit. The children were given a tour of the hairdressers, they talked about the process of getting their haircut, they were also shown the different combs, brushes and scissors they used, and even taught the children how to put in rollers.



October half term Challenge 2018

<p>Activity 1 Promote a local event! Design a poster for a local event. It might be a Halloween party, a bonfire party or a fundraising event for your local cubs or swimming club. Don't forget to include the date, time and all the details.</p>	<p>Activity 2 Amazing Autumn! Find out about the Autumn season and all of the changes that take place...or the celebrations at this time of year. Write a report or create a detailed picture/collage telling us 5 reasons why Autumn is so amazing.</p>	<p>Activity 3 Autumn walk! Go on a walk with your family and draw a map of your journey. Collect interesting items such as leaves/conkers on the way and stick them to your map</p>	<p>Activity 4 Make or bake a tasty treat! Tell us your recipe and send us a picture of what you make. Use 'autumn', 'Halloween' or 'bonfire night' as your inspiration</p>
<p>Activity 5 Autumn is a great time to complete one of our downloadable activities such as RSPB Wild Challenge or Forestry Commission www.linuri.com/RSPBCU2018 www.forestry.gov.uk/</p>	<p>Activity 6 Poetry time! Write a poem of 5 lines or more using the theme of: Awesome Autumn, Haunted Halloween or Fantastic Fireworks as your inspiration. Why not decorate your poem?</p>	<p>Activity 7 Take part in an activity at a Children's University Learning Destination. Write a 50 word news report about your visit. Check out our FREE App to help you find places to go! Follow us on Twitter@seftonCU and Facebook Sefton Children's University</p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the October break by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or send it to your local Children's University. Send it to laura.Ashcroft@elevate-ebp.co.uk

Catering Vacancy

General Kitchen Assistant Role

Monday – Friday

2.5 hours per day

11.30am – 2.00pm

Contact the school office for an application form or download it from the school website

Closing date - Wednesday 31st October 2018

Interviews will be held week commencing 5th November 2018

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Many thanks to all those parents who attended the first parent workshops this term. We hope it was useful and that you enjoyed the sessions. The feedback you gave us was very helpful and we will certainly take this on board for future workshops and events.

We are looking forward to our maths workshop on **Wednesday 14th November at 6.00pm**, when our Maths Consultant Sarah Martin will be working alongside the Early Years Staff and parents during the evening. This workshop is open to parents of Reception and Year 1 children

Many thanks for your continued support.



LOOKING FOR YEAR ONE AND TWO READING ANGELS

Contact Mrs Wilson on 01704 508500 if you are interested in helping to hear readers in Year one and two.



Admissions to Reception

We would like to remind all parents of children born between **1 September 2014 – 31 August 2015** of the importance of registering their child for admission to Reception in September 2019. Your child will not automatically be allocated a school place and if there is a sibling connection you must state that on your application. Attendance in our Nursery does not guarantee a school place and you must complete the Sefton application form. You can apply online via the Sefton website, at www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions or if you do not have access to the internet, you can contact the Sefton Admissions Team on 0151 934 3590 and they will forward you an information booklet and paper application form. **The compulsory national closing date is the 15 January 2019. After 15 January 2019, your application will be treated as late.**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Mon 29th Oct	Back to school
Mon 29th Oct	Y4 Swimming starts
Thur 1st Nov	PTA - Monster Mash Rec & Y1 - 3.30 - 4.45pm Y2 & Y3 - 5.00 - 6.15pm Y4, Y5 & Y6 - 6.30 - 7.45pm
Sat 3rd November	10 - 12 pm - Early Years Open Morning
Tue 6th November	Flu Vaccination - Change of date !!!!!
Wed 7th Nov	Pantomime
Thur 8th Nov	Pantomime
Fri 9th Nov	Remembrance Celebration
Wed 14th Nov	Early Years Workshop - Maths - 6pm - Old Hall
Mon 19th Nov	Y6 Trip to The Imperial War Museum
Mon 26th Nov	1.30pm - School Forum
Tues 27th Nov	Y4 Trip to Atkinson
Fri 30th Nov	PTA - Mufti Day - £1
Mon 3rd Dec	Reception & Nursery Party Day
Thur 6th Dec	Nursery & KS1 Party Day
Mon 10th Dec	RS Nativity @ 9.30am
Tues 11th Dec	RIW Nativity @ 9.30am
Tues 11th Dec	Year 4 Play @ 2pm - 4K & 4Y
Wed 12th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Wed 12th Dec	PTA Christmas Discos More details to follow
Thur 13th Dec	RC Nativity @ 9.30am
Thur 13th Dec	Year 4 Play @ 2pm - 4HW & 4S
Fri 14th Dec	KS2 Party Day
Mon 17th Dec	1.30pm - Y5 Carol Service @ St Cuthbert's Church
Wed 19th Dec	PTA Cinema Night
Fri 21st Dec	Break up at 2pm for Christmas holidays

Please note the change of date for the flu vaccination, it will now be on Tuesday 6th November