

### **Bumblebee Class News Term 1 2020**

Bumblebee Class have had a fantastic start to their school year. We have been spending lots of time getting to know each other and building relationships. The children have settled in really well and made the staff feel very fortunate after showing us how excited they are to learn! The children have adapted to school life amazingly, especially considering the current climate in England. We are very proud of them! Thank you to our parents/carers for following the safety measures that have been put in place.

We have been busy completing many different learning activities that you can view on our school Facebook page ([link](#)). We know that a lot of children go home and forget about all the fun things they have done in the day so we hope that the Facebook updates will be beneficial and enable you to have conversations with the children about their learning.

Our topic this term has been 'Marvellous Me!', where we have been exploring about what makes the children, them! They have also been looking at the seasonal change between summer and autumn. We have been using our senses to look for clues that Autumn is arriving - particularly in forest school. An autumnal exploration jelly was extremely popular with the class as they took turns to use tweezers to pull out the signs of autumn. The children have also been extending their learning at home and bringing in clues that they have found including a huge bag of conkers that arrived on my desk!



At Norton Hill Primary School, we follow the Read, Write, Inc. Phonics scheme which the children have fully immersed themselves into. We believe that phonics teaching should be fun and engaging and the children have started to develop a love for phonic lessons due to the fast pace and enjoyment of the lessons. The children now have a phonics book that has sounds that we have been learning to practise at home. Along with this, they also have a reading book and we ask that you read with your child at home at least 3 times a week.



Alongside phonics, we have been working on our letter formation. We have been exposing the children to lots of opportunities to mark make including writing in foam, sand and on large paper just to name a few!

October is 'Black History Month' in the UK and the children will be spending time this month learning about different people, cultures and communities. In week 7, we will be focusing our learning around Martin Luther King Jr's speech, 'I have a Dream'. We had a fantastic week this week exploring different foods in Africa. We have been comparing them to the food we food we explored during Harvest Festival week.





We are asking that children come into school dressed in their forest school clothes every Tuesday. This needs to include waterproofs as the weather begins to deteriorate. Please can you ensure that your child has a coat in school, we love outdoor learning and will often spend the majority of the day outside. We believe that children should be learning through experiences that are based around exploration and discovery but with the British weather, we need to stay warm whilst being outside.

We look forward to sharing our fantastic learning with you on SeeSaw. If you have any questions about how you can support your child's learning journey further at home, then please do not hesitate to contact the school.