



Fern Class News

Autumn Term 2 2023

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to Fern Class! We hope you all enjoyed your holiday and that you're ready for all of the exciting things that will be happening this half term! We have got lots of interesting new topics such as learning all about the Great Fire of London in history and exploring the uses of materials in science. We will still be checking that the children have remembered about the continents and oceans that we were learning about before and hope that you can keep talking about them too. We really enjoyed our PE lessons with Newcastle United Foundation and this half term we will be working with Newcastle Sports Service doing gymnastics. To help with our topic about the Great Fire of London, we will be getting in touch with the fire service to see if they can come in to talk to us this half term. If anyone has any links with the fire service, then please let us know. Thank you!

Organisation of belongings:

There are lots of things for children to remember each day such as bringing their water bottles, reading books and jumpers/cardigans home. We endeavour to check that children have everything at the end of the day and please ask that you remind children too. We have started the process of most children changing their reading books and we will be encouraging the children to become more independent with this now. Please also try and remind children to change their books when they need to. We have been really impressed with how many reading records are regularly signed and how much super progress that children are already making with their reading.



PE Times and Kits:

We will be doing PE on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school with them every day. The children will keep their kits in school until the end of each half term. Please ensure children have a warm, outdoor PE kit with them as some of our PE lessons will be taught outside.



Homework:

Homework will continue to be set on a **Thursday** and we usually ask that it is completed by the following **Monday**. Thank you for all of your support with homework tasks so far. Please remind children to hand in their homework books. They can hand them to us at the door when they enter school if that is easier for them to remember.

We are delighted to welcome Tiegan Hawkes, who is a teaching student from Northumbria University. Miss Hawkes will be with us until the 15th March 2024. This half term, she will be teaching up to 60% of the timetable under my guidance and advice.

Library Books:

Children have been reading books from our class library and this half term they will be able to borrow books from our school library. Children will be able to go into the library and choose a book. They will keep these in their drawers at school and they can bring them home to share with you too. Children will change their books weekly and we will be encouraging children to read these for pleasure alongside their school reading books.

Labelling all school uniform:

Please ensure that all school uniform is labelled clearly with your child's name or initials. It really does make finding any lost property much easier.

As always, please come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you

Miss Bommel, Mrs Jennings and Miss Hawkes

