

## Home Sweet Home



1839 + Bures School

## Emerald City Class Newsletter

Welcome to a new school year!

Our class team is: Mr Ben Allen (Class Teacher); Mrs Lyndsey Simpson (LSA) and Mr Nathaniel Bridgewater (Apprentice LSA).

We are always happy to speak to you about your child, the end of the day is easiest if only a short request. Or if you prefer, please arrange for an appointment through the school office for a Friday afternoon.

This term...

In our geography-based topic, Home Sweet Home, your child will learn about their local area as well as the wider world. Our learning will be based around the story of 'Beegu'. We will do some PSHE work on friendships and safety as well as looking at habitats in science.

In maths, we will start by looking at Place Value making use of a place value chart to represent numbers up to 100. We will then move on to addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers.

In our RE, we use the 'Emmanuel Project' scheme of learning. Our first unit is Christianity, focussing on the question, "Why is belonging to God and the church family important to Christians?" The following half term will be Judaism looking at the question, "Why is learning to do good deeds so important to Jewish people?"

### How you can help at home...

Regular reading is vital to children's vocabulary and fluency development. Therefore, we ask that you ensure your child reads at least four times a week. Children should be asked questions about what they have read to check their understanding, especially as they move on to harder texts.

Regular practise of counting in 2's, 5's, and 10's will also be very beneficial.

We will be looking at Medium Frequency words in spelling this term. After that, at different spelling patterns each week. These can be practised at home using the Spelling Frame programme (login's will be sent out in due course). We will also put logins in the front of reading records. Times Table Rock Star logins will also be included.

### Home Learning Ideas

- Build a model of your house.
- Learn your address.
- Draw a map of your route to school – design some symbols and place them in the correct places.
- Practise using directional language – can you describe a route around your home/street/village to a parent, including left, right, half turn, quarter turn/clockwise, anti-clockwise..
- Record the different materials used in the building of your home – why were they used?
- Write a letter to an alien describing you home and the area.
- Look at the creatures found in different habitats – how are they adapted to live where they do?
- Research a British animal and create a fact file to present to the class.

### Remember...

Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday; Please can children arrive at school ready for PE Team coloured T-shirt or uniform polo shirt with plain black shorts or jogging bottoms. Earrings should be removed on these days.

Water bottles need to be filled with only water and should be taken home daily for cleaning and refilling.