



# Cantrell Primary School Autumn Term Newsletter Class R, and Class R1



A very warm welcome to all the children (and their families) who have joined us in Class R and Class R1. We are delighted that you are part of our Cantrell community and we look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's learning. Here is some key information about the term ahead.

## Topics

Our themes for this term are 'Marvellous Me!' This half-term, we will firstly be learning about our bodies and feelings, before moving onto thinking about our families and the area in which we live. After half-term, we'll be celebrating a variety of festivals with food tasting, music and creative activities where we experiment with colour and shape. Stories and rhymes around our themes are introduced at the beginning of the week to animate our learning. Here's some of our focus books...



## Supporting your child at home

On occasions, we'll give out home study activities for you to complete with your child and then send back in the following week. You can also support your child's development by:

- ✓ encouraging them to get dressed by themselves;
- ✓ teaching them how to use a knife and fork;
- ✓ helping them to practise writing their name (if they can't already do so);
- ✓ talking to your child about their learning. We'll send you regular updates on Dojo about what we've been learning too.

## Reading at home

Reading at home is our main homework priority. We ask you to read with your child as often as you can and record this in their reading diary at least x4 reads each week. This could be their school reading book or a picture book that you have shared together at home. More information to follow.

## Water bottles and snack

Please send in a named bottle of water every day with your child as it is important they stay hydrated. Please note that our healthy schools' policy does not allow juice, except at lunchtimes. Your child will be offered fruit daily at snacktime. Milk is also available and free in the term before your child has their fifth birthday. Milk is free all year if you qualify for Free School Meals. If you'd like your child to have milk and they aren't eligible to have it for free, please ask at the school office for details on how you can pay for it online.

## Clothing in school

PLEASE ensure you name all your child's clothing (written in biro on the label is fine). We also request that you send a bag of spare clothes into school to leave on your child's peg.

We will be teaching PE every Monday and Thursday in Class R and every Thursday in Class R1 Please send your child to school in their PE kit:

- Black or dark jogging bottoms (shorts in warmer weather) and a plain white t-shirt
- Black or dark blue sports jumper – **No hoodies due to health and safety**
- Trainers suitable for physical activities

## Contacting us on ClassDojo

Please message the teacher for the relevant day

R – Mrs Bilkhu (Monday-Wednesday)  
Mrs Wray (Wednesday-Friday)  
R1 – Mrs Eldridge (Monday-Friday)

**If your child is unwell, you MUST contact the school office (rather than the class teacher).**

