



Cantrell Primary School

Spring Term Newsletter

Class 1



A very warm welcome to all the children (and their families) who have joined us in Class1. 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

This half-term, our keys texts will be 'The Gruffalo's Child' and the traditional tale 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' We'll get the chance to channel our inner Goldilocks by tasting porridge (which will hopefully be 'just right'!). We'll also be making a house with a door that opens and closes in D&T. Subtraction and Place Value are our key Maths topics. In Science, we'll explore different materials and their properties and investigate the weather in Winter,

After half-term, we'll be looking at Spring and continue to investigate materials. In Art, we'll be learning about primary colours and creating artwork in the style of Piet Mondrian. We will finish the term by celebrating the festival of Easter.



Supporting your child at home

English, Maths and Phonics activities are set weekly on Class DOJO. You can also support your child's development by:

- ✓ encouraging them to fasten their coat up, put their gloves on and tie shoe laces by themselves.
- ✓ helping them to practise spellings (eg: and, make, they) simple sums (addition and subtraction with numbers up to 20).
- ✓ 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.

Water bottles, snack and school bag

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 playtimes. They can also bring in a 'healthy' snack from home to eat. 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 sign up at www.coolmilk.com/contact where you can pay for it online. Children also need to bring a bag each day.

Clothing in school

PLEASE ensure you name all your child's clothing (written in biro on the label is fine). There is a Lost Property Box in the classroom.

We will be teaching PE every Thursday. 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
- Earrings to be taken out or covered with plasters.

Contacting us on ClassDojo

Please check you are connected to Class DOJO. We will use DOJO to provide you with class information and updates.

Please use DOJO to message the teacher if you would like to speak to us.

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



The school day begins at 8:40am. Doors close at 8.50am. The school day finishes at 3:30pm.