



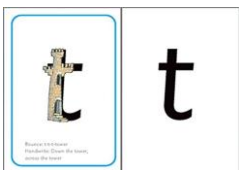
Welcome to our first newsletter of 2022! The children have settled back into school wonderfully, and are showing a great attitude towards our new term. Well done everyone! 😊

## Dates for the diary

Here are some of our spring term dates. We will update you with any more that we add to our plans!

<b>Mersey Forest Planting Day</b>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Multicultural Market Day</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Year 5/6 Pathfinders Project</b> <i>More information to follow</i>	Week beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>School Closes for Half Term</b>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>INSET Day</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Children return to school</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March

## Read, Write Inc.



This term, we have some exciting new developments in the way we teach phonics, early reading and writing. On the INSET day on the 4<sup>th</sup> January, staff spent the day completing Read, Write Inc. training ready to be able to use our new teaching strategies and resources to help the children on their journey to becoming readers and writers! The children have settled into their new teaching groups fantastically, and are already making great progress. Well done everyone! 😊 This teaching begins at 9am, so please support your child in making the most progress they can by ensuring they are in time so that they can make the most of this essential learning. Please look out for more updates and information coming soon! We will also be relaunching our home reading systems for our younger children in the next few weeks, with new reading books linked to their Read, Write Inc. lessons.

## Spring Term Clubs

We will be sending information about spring term clubs shortly, with information about which clubs are available and how to book your child's place as well as the dates they will run from and until. Watch out for a letter coming home soon.





The beginning of this term has presented us with some challenges in terms of illness in school. Thank you to all our families for their understanding and cooperation, following additional letters I have sent out. Please can families continue to keep a close eye on their children in case any symptoms of either Covid or sickness and diarrhoea develop. Additionally, another reminder that if your child has any sickness or diarrhoea, they must stay off school for 48 hours **after** they were last poorly. We have been in regular contact with Wirral Public Health School Support this week to ensure we are doing everything we can as a school community at this time.

If your child is isolating due to testing positive for Covid, but is still well enough to learn, home learning will be set by their class teachers (for children in F2-Y6), and sent to you over Class Dojos. This is so children do not miss out on learning if they are well enough to complete it. If you have any questions about this, please contact class teachers on Dojos.



## Mersey Forest Planting Day



Some of you will remember that our Eco Team took part in planting a Tiny Forest locally last term. Well it is now time for even more children to get involved! We have been lucky enough to have been given the opportunity to have an area of our school planted with trees and plants. This is going to take place on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January** on the grass area at the front of the school. Years 1-6 will take part in helping to plant this area during the day on Wednesday, then all year groups will take part in maintaining and developing our own tiny forest as part of the curriculum. On **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January**, children in Years 1-6 will need to bring in a pair of wellies in a carrier bag. If they don't own any wellies, please bring in some old shoes (which will get muddy!). The company running this (Mersey Forest) would like to take some photos. If you have given permission for your child's photo to be taken for our school website, **but do not wish** Mersey Forest to use your child's picture on their website or social media, please inform your child's class teacher via Class Dojo by the end of the day on Tuesday. Thank you 😊

## Term Dates



I will be sending the term dates out for next academic year shortly. However, I wanted to let all parents know that after the summer holidays, children will be starting back in school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**. This is a slight change to the information that was sent out with this year's holiday dates last term. This is due to changes in the advised term dates for Wirral schools.

Thanks everyone, I hope you all have a lovely weekend. As always, if there are any questions, please contact school.

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