

# Snapshots of the Week

## Week: 06 September to 10 September



### This week...

A huge welcome back to all our learners and families. I would particularly like to welcome those learners and families who have joined us in Reception and those of you who are new to the school in other year groups.

All the children are working extremely hard and have shown great resilience and determination in returning. They have settled well into their new classes and enjoying being back in school, seeing their friends and teachers.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and a well-deserved rest.

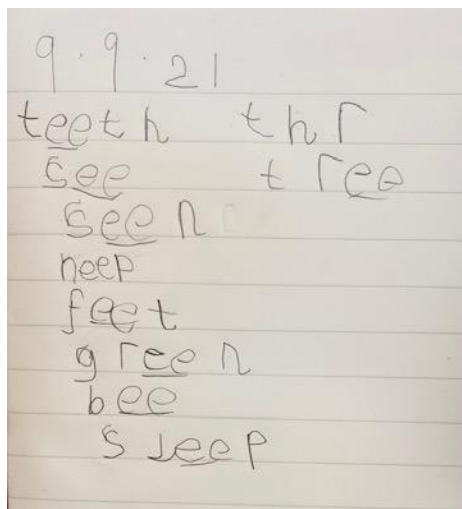
### Reception

Well, where did that week go? As always, these incredible little learners always seem to handle this monumental change in their life with absolute ease. We have loved getting to know each individual and have every confidence that their time in Reception will be a real success. The first week has seen the learners' practice and understand many of the routine's life in Reception entails. We cannot wait to fully engage in a full class structure and explore both the indoor and outdoor learning in what will be a more structured week. Thank you so much for being so understanding, caring and supportive to both the teaching staff and your children during this first week of school.



### Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the year. We have been learning all about what makes us human. Starting the week off with a scavenger hunt finding and naming our body parts. We also had our very first singing assembly in the hall. The children have been incredible and have coped amazingly with all the new routines. They have been brilliant at going into the hall to eat their lunch and have enjoyed being able to use our whole playground at playtimes. Well done, Year 1! Such a great start to a new year!



### Reminders for next week...

#### PE Day

Please remember on your child's set PE day to send them in wearing their PE Kit.

**Reception** – Wednesday and Friday

**Year 1** – Monday and Wednesday

**Year 2** – Monday and Thursday

**Year 3** – Tuesday and Friday

**Year 4** – Tuesday and Thursday

#### Student Update Forms

All children should be coming home with student update forms today.

Please can you check all the information we have carefully and return back to us in the black bucket which will be placed outside the entrance by Monday 13 September 2021.

It is important even if there are no changes that you tick and sign to say everything is correct and return.

#### Water Bottles and Morning Snacks

Polite reminder for all children to have a named water bottle with them in school every day.

Morning snacks – YR, 1 and 2 will have fruit supplied by the school (children do have the option to bring theirs in as long as it is healthy).

Y3 and 4 – Please remember (optional) for your child to bring in a snack each day for morning break.

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## **Year 2**

What an amazing start of the year for our year 2 learners! We have had a busy week learning how we can use reading to build a friendship. Every day, they have blown us away with their confident and expressive reading of some classic children's books. We are very excited to see what this year will hold for our brilliant Jade and Emerald learners.

## **Year 3**

We have been WOWED by our Year 3 learners this week. They have returned from the summer break with a positive attitude towards learning and they have begun to adjust to new routines in KS2. Well Done Year 3 learners. We're in for an excellent year ahead with each of them and we're delighted to be part of their Year 3 learning journey.

We've started two new books this week. The fiction book, Five on Treasure Island, by Enid Blyton and the non-fiction book, The Pebble in my Pocket by Meredith Hooper. With lots more to read in each of these books, we're looking forward to reading more!

In Maths, we've been exploring numbers up to 1000 and the place value of each digit- hundreds, tens and ones.

Science has taught us about different ways rocks are formed so that they can be grouped in this way. Why not ask a Year 3 learner all about the action to represent the formation of the following rock types: Igneous, Sedimentary, Metamorphic? See what they can remember!

## **Year 4**

This week, our Year 4 learners have settled back really well. They have enjoyed meeting their new teachers and seeing their friends again. Their learning quest clue has been revealed and will involve becoming scientists and geographers as we find ways to preserve and protect our local heathland. So far, we have looked at ordinance survey maps to discover where the Dorset heathland is located. We are all excited to continue on our quest!

## **PE Lessons**

Wow what a fantastic first week back we've had in our PE lessons. We have worked on our teamwork skills and communication through game play in KS1 and KS2 and Reception got to meet the Broadstone First School PE bear "Charlie Bear".

Year 2 had their first of six coaching sessions with AFCB and KS2 welcomed Dorset Country Cricket for the first of their coaching sessions which will take place throughout Autumn Term 1.



## **Houses**

The launch of the new house system has certainly re-ignited an excitement, a sense of community and of course, a healthy competition around the school after returning fully after Lockdown last year. As we start the new academic year, we will be speaking to our Year 4 learners today regarding putting themselves forward for a house captaincy role. Furthermore, we will be extending the reveal format of which house the Reception learners will be in, through the same format the learners experienced last year (the opening of a letter). We hope this stirs the same excitement as when the whole school found out their houses last year.