



Buxton Primary School

Sea Turtle Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our new Sea Turtles have had a fantastic start to their time at Buxton, making new friends, exploring and having fun. We are so proud of them all for settling so well and we look forward to an exciting year ahead. Here's lots of key information for you and please don't hesitate to speak to a member of our team or email the school office with any questions or concerns.

Coming to school

Below is a list of information regarding what your child needs to bring with them to school.

- Spare uniform in a named plastic carrier bag. This should include socks, pants, trousers/dress. We will only send the bag home if your child has used these spare clothes that day and the soiled/messy clothes would then be in the bag. Otherwise, it will remain on their peg. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named. If your child requires spare clothes because they have used theirs already that day, we are able to provide them but they will need to be washed and returned in a separate bag as soon as possible please.

- A named water bottle (no squash or juice please).
- A named sunhat and coat (weather depending).
- Book bags can be purchased from the school office and the children

need to bring these in every day please. Reading books will be changed on **Mondays or Thursdays** (information on groups to follow)

- The children need to come to school in their PE kits every **Tuesday and Wednesday**. They will then stay in these clothes all day. Trainers are only needed on these days.

- The children will take part in outdoor learning in the Forest School Area each **Friday** (weather permitting) so please bring in wellies and waterproofs. These can stay at school if you prefer and must be named please.

Other information

- Please apply sunscreen before your child's arrival if it is going to be a hot day.
- We will provide fruit for the children each morning, as well as a cup of milk if they would like it.
- Any prescribed medication your child requires will need to be handed in at the school office. You will receive an email soon which will need to be completed and sent back to the office.

Tapestry

You will be emailed a link to sign up to Tapestry, the online learning journal that we use. Please activate your account as soon as possible so you can see the lovely things your child has been doing at school. We will begin the children's termly focus weeks very soon and you will receive a letter to fill in about your child the week before. There will be more information about Tapestry to follow.

Our Learning

We will be focussing on settling the children in this term, developing their independence and introducing them to the routine of daily phonics and maths sessions. The Sea Turtle adults will support the children as they play and develop their own interests, encouraging a real love of learning.

Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)

The RBA is a short, interactive, and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school, using materials that most children of Reception age will be familiar with. It became statutory for all schools from September 2021. The children

will take part in this short assessment with one of the teachers. Please read the RBA information booklet and feel free to speak to us with any questions.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter,

Kind regards,

Mrs Miller and Mrs Poynton