

# Radley CE Primary School & Foundation Stage Unit

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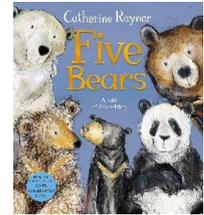
12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome Isis Class back to school this week. The children have made a brilliant start to the year, settling quickly into school routines with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

Our Isis staff team remains the same as last year. Mr Wolstenholme will be teaching Isis Class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Mrs Quigley will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Johnson supports the class on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We have started the year with a whole-school focus week on the story *Five Bears* by Catherine Rayner. This has included literacy, art, discussions about friendship and kindness, and of course a teddy bear assembly!



The week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> September will be a Music Flood week, kindly organised by Radley College. Children will have the opportunity to experience a range of music activities. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September we will go by local bus to the Abingdon Market Square, where we will participate in a musical concert along with other Abingdon schools.

Our main curriculum topic this term is Through the Ages: from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Later in the term, we will be visiting Stonehenge, as part of our history topic. More information will follow soon.

This year, the children will have a weekly whole-class viola lesson. This will be led by Mrs Robertson from the County Music Service and will be starting in a couple of weeks' time.

Our whole-school Christian value of the term is Relationships, and we will be exploring this value in class and in assemblies. Due to the ongoing building work, our school assemblies this term will take place in the church.

A gentle reminder that children will need to have the following items in school:

- **Waterproof coat:** we try to get outside as much as possible, and will be walking to the church for assemblies in all weathers.
- **Outdoor trainers** for PE and playtimes.
- **PE kit** including jogging bottoms and hoodie for colder weather: PE kits in Isis Class should remain in school throughout the week, please. Our PE lesson with James from Ignite will be on Thursdays this year but we are also planning additional class PE sessions.
- **Reading book and diary** – bring to school each day please.
- **Water bottle** – refill at home each day.

*Jesus said, "I come to give life - life in all its fullness," John 10:10*

- **Healthy breaktime snack** if needed.

Please ensure that all items brought into school are clearly named – thank you!

Children will receive homework and spellings to learn each week. A letter with more information will follow shortly, once the children are settled into the new school year.

We listen to children read both individually and during class reading lessons. Children have brought home a stage reading book (these stages match and follow on from the coloured book bands that children were used to in Cherwell class) or, if they have progressed through the stages, a book from the school library. Library books are organised by level of difficulty to help children choose a book that is right for them. Please support your child to read each day, listen to them read and ask them to talk about what they have read, then record this in your child's yellow reading diary. Children should bring their reading book and reading diary to school each day.

We would really appreciate the help of any more parents or family members who could volunteer to listen to children read in school. Please speak to a member of the Isis Class team, or to Jackie Crook, if you are able to help. Thank you!

For the rest of the term, Isis Class will be studying the following topics across the curriculum:

English	Stories with historical settings: <i>The Stolen Spear</i> Instruction writing
Maths	Place value Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division
Science	States of matter Light and shadow
Computing	Photo editing The internet
History / Geography	From the Stone Age to the Iron Age
PE / Art	Stone Age art Stable structures
PE	Ignite Sports (Thursdays) Class PE – Team games
RE	Judaism Christianity – the Nativity story
Music	Viola lessons
Languages	Spanish
PSHE	Jigsaw scheme: Being me in my world

We look forward to speaking with you at Parents' Evening in a few weeks. In the meantime, please do come and speak to us, either by catching us at home time or by contacting the school office.

Thank you for all the support you give with your child's learning

Mark Wolstenholme and Anne Quigley  
Isis Class Teachers