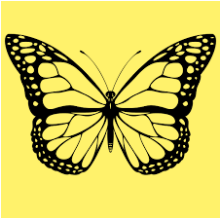
Year R Newsletter



Term 1 2026

Our Topic for Term 1 is:

Me and My Community

In Communication and Language this term, we will be:

- Practising 'good listening' on the carpet.
- Listening to and joining in with nursery rhymes.
- Listening to stories and joining in with repeated refrains.
- Learning new vocabulary to describe our appearance and speak about our homes and families.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development, we will be:

- Feeling happier about separating from our parents/carers in the morning.
- Learning to follow the school rules and routines.
- Learning to share and take turns.

In Physical Development, we will be:

- Improving our gross motor skills in a variety of ways, including climbing, jumping, rolling.
- Developing our fine motor skills, learning how to use cutlery, scissors, painting and drawing tools correctly.
- We will be strengthening the muscles in our hands by using Play-Doh and manipulating construction toys.

In Mathematics we will be:

- Listening to and learning number rhymes.
- Subitising to 5 (knowing how many objects there are without counting).
- Counting forwards and backwards to 10.
- Exploring numbers to 10.

In Literacy we will be:

- Learning to recognise the Phase 2 sounds and practising blending and segmenting these for reading and writing.
- Learning how to write the letters of the alphabet and our names.

In Understanding of the World, we will be:

- Learning that all families are all different.
- Talking about different types of homes and using maps to find out where we live.
- Learning to name the body parts and the 5 senses.

For more information about what your child in learning this term, please visit:
https://cliftonvilleprimaryschool.secure-primarysite.net/curriculum-1/

PE

Your child will have PE every Wednesday.
Children will need a pair of named plimsolls in school at all times.

Forest School

Your child will have a Forest School session each week (more information to follow)
Please ensure your child wears black joggers or black leggings, their white polo shirt and a school jumper to ensure arms and legs are covered for climbing.
Your child will need a pair of wellies and a puddle suit in school at all times.

HOMEWORK

Homework task	Day of the week set	Day of the week to be completed
Reading at home a minimum of three times a week.	Please add a comment and signature to the reading record whenever you hear your child read.	
Weekly home learning challenge.	Friday	To be shared in class the following Friday.

Dates for your diary

Friday 4th September:	Children in school for a morning or afternoon session
Monday 7th September:	Children start school full time
Friday 11th September:	Fire Engine Visit (in school)
Friday 2nd October:	School Photo Day
W/c Monday 5th October:	After school clubs start (Y1-Y6)
Monday 28th September:	Flu Immunisations in school
Tuesday 29th September at 2:45pm:	Come and See my new classroom
Tuesday 6th October at 2:45pm:	Come and See Evidence Me
w/b Monday 12th October:	Come and See Forest School (more info to follow)
Tuesday 20th October at 2:45pm:	Introduction to Come and Read
Friday 23rd October:	Last day of term 1.
Monday 2nd November:	First day of term 2.

General Reminders

- Please name **all** articles of clothing that your child wears at school.
- Please ensure school shoes **do not** have laces.
- Your child will need to bring their book bag and reading book to school with them **every day**.
- Please provide your child with a filled, **named** water bottle every day. **No juices or squash please.**
- When children are full time, they are expected to be in school by 8.40 am at the latest. You will be allowed to enter through the double green gates from 8.30 am. Parents are not permitted to enter the school building unless accompanied by a member of school staff.
- **Please do not allow your children to play on the outdoor equipment at home time.**

If you have a concern about your child's learning, please initially speak to their teacher at the end of the day or contact Mrs Hill to arrange a meeting or phone call.

For more information about SEND, please visit: Special Educational Needs & Disability | Cliftonville Primary & Pre-School