



'I lift my eyes to the hills'

September Newsletter 2021



This term we will be focusing on one of our values, Thankfulness.

Over the Summer, school has been a busy place, getting everything sorted ahead of the new term. We have had lots of work done within school and outside. Inside, we have new flooring throughout the corridors and bathroom areas, the new Explorers cloakroom and classroom has been kindly painted. We also have 15 new laptops and 5 new ipads within school, which we are very excited to get using. We have 2 new smart TV's installed in the Explores and Discoverers classrooms, meaning now every classroom across the school have these available for use. The screens will really bring benefit to the way we can present lesson subjects and benefit your childs learning.

Outside, we have a new sports court to the rear of school, which the children are thoroughly enjoying using each day. The perimeter fence to our school field has also been replaced.

We would like to hugely thank Jen Armitstead, Logan Thom, Alistair Mackenzie, Angela and Anna for all their hard work, and also all our staff for getting the classrooms looking so welcoming and inspiring.

Reading at home

Our main focus this year is reading. In order to progress, children need to be reading regularly at home in addition to reading in school so we are asking that children read at home 4 times a week.

'Children who are good at reading do more of it: they learn more, about all sorts of things, and their expanded vocabulary, gained from their reading, increases their ease of access to more reading. Conversely, those for whom reading is difficult fall behind, not just in their reading but in all subjects and a vicious circle develops.

Here's how many words kids would have heard by the time they were 5 years old: Never read to, 4,662 words; 1-2 times per week, 63,570 words; 3-5 times per week, 169,520 words; daily, 296,660 words; and five books a day, 1,483,300 words.' DFE (July 2021).

Mrs Tinson

Across the summer Mrs Tinson (Class 1's TA) has found an exciting new job role in a local hotel which means unfortunately will not be returning to school. We wish he all the best in her new challenge.

Snack at Breaktime

The Explorers and Discoverers are encouraged to bring in a **healthy snack** for the morning, (no sweets or chocolates please). The Adventurers snacks of milk and their daily fruit and vegetables will continue to be provided.



Tepee Tots

We are pleased that from Friday the 10th of September, our playgroup Tepee Tots will be re-opening every Friday from 9.30am until 11.30pm. If you know any friends or family members who would maybe like to join our sessions, please let them know and ask them to contact school.



The Adventurers

Mrs Corbett and Miss Lace are excited to welcome you back after the summer holidays. We are looking forward to seeing everybody and settling back into our new routines over the next few weeks. This year we are Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and we are 'The Adventurers'!

Our class topic this term will be 'Digging up treasure- What is Treasure?'

We will be working closely together to make learning fun and sessions will be carefully planned to include child and adult led opportunities. We continue to use a cross curricular approach with a Phonics, Maths and English focus each morning. Having a set of wellies and waterproofs in school at all times will also enable us to take our learning outside when we can.

This year we will be using Seesaw to provide a home-school link to share those special moments and achievements in school. Children can also upload photos, voice recordings, videos or draw pictures to share of adventures from home.

What you can do to help at home:

- Share books with your child by reading to them, talking to them about the pictures, listening to them read or asking them questions. It is really helpful if you can record what you have shared at home in their reading journals.
- Practise phonics cards that come home to support their learning in school
- Year 1 can use Mathletics. Activities will be linked to our learning in class.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please catch us outside before or after school or telephone. We look forward to a year full of adventures! Laura Corbett

The Explorers

Since coming back to school last week, the Explorers have been very busy. We have become familiar with our new classroom, built some impressive towers and visited lots of stalls and animals at the County Show- we even had ice-cream!

This half-term, we will be learning lots of things relating to our topic, Ancient Greece. We will journey back through the ages to find out how the Greeks lived, we will design and create Greek vases and we will write fiction based on Greek myths and legends. In science, we learn how shadows are formed and in maths, we will be developing our confidence in times tables. We are all very excited and enthusiastic about what this half-term will bring! Many thanks, Miss Clarke





The Discoverers

The Discoverers have come straight back into school after the summer holidays ready and rearing to go! We have been putting some finishing touches to our classroom, and doing lots of drama to get us back into the swing of things. This term the Discoverers will be learning all about the human body and how to look after it in Science. In History, we will be finding out how people have treated illnesses and ailments throughout the years (it may get a bit gruesome!) and we're going to be modelling some sculptures on the human body. We're really looking forward to getting our teeth stuck into some writing and lots of great books to read. There's plenty to look forward to and we're feeling up to the challenge of Year 5 and 6! Miss Plant 😊



What a great start to the term and lovely things we have ahead to look forward to doing and learning about. Well done Team Selside.

Best wishes

J. A. Lowther

June Lowther & all the Selside School Staff

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 28th September – Parents Evening

Sunday 10th October – Harvest at Selside Church

Thursday 21st October – Flu Vaccinations R-Y6

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October – Half Term

