

# All About Bowfell Class



### Show and Tell

On a **Tuesday** children have the opportunity to bring an item into school to share with the class. This is done on a 3 week rota basis. It is a great opportunity for the children to talk in front of the class about a topic they are familiar with, building confidence and developing their self esteem.

The rest of the class have the opportunity to ask questions about the object being shown.

Let your child chose something they would like to share. Please encourage them; if possible, to bring something of interest, something that is special to them, it could even be photographs of a family event or outing.

### Reading Books

**Please remember to bring your child's reading book, in their book bag, every morning.**

Your child will be heard read individually once a week and over the course of the year we will be building in group reading times. Each time they are heard read, on a 1:1 basis, a comment will be made in their reading record. Their reading record will be checked regularly to monitor progress and check for any messages from home.

When your child is ready for a new book they are able to change it when they arrive in school, prior to the register being taken. This is a change to previous years and we will show the children how to change their books.

It is important and valuable for your child to read the same book more than once. It allows your child to build their confidence as they develop their early reading skills and begin to apply their phonic knowledge. It will help to build on their fluency and comprehension of the stories they read.

### The Golden Book

At the front of school is our Golden Book. This book is for staff to write in on a weekly basis celebrating individual and small group achievements. These comments are shared with the whole school during our Friday afternoon Good Work Assembly. This assembly is also the opportunity for the class to share a piece of work that they are proud of.

### Phonics

There is a Phonics session everyday for 25 minutes; during the session the children are taught how to sound out and recognise individual letter sounds and skills to blend sounds together when reading and spelling. For these sessions the children are split into groups, these groups focus on particular needs and sounds to support the children's progress.

### Sam Bear

Sam is our class bear who comes home on a Friday night with a class member. Please encourage your child to write a diary extract retelling their weekend with Sam. The children can also draw a picture or stick in a photograph.

On Monday Sam's host will speak in front of the class, a great way of developing confidence and speaking and listening skills for an audience.

Children with long hair should have their hair tied back during PE and at other times to ward off head lice!

### School PE Kit:

Blue/black shorts  
School t-shirt  
pumps

**All labelled with names please.**

Please have your PE bag in school at all times so we can make the most of the dry weather. Please also include a **pair of socks**, especially for the girls, for the days they are wearing tights.

PE days are **Monday** and **Tuesday** afternoon.

### Cold weather kit:

School Hoodie  
tracksuit bottoms

### Fruit and Milk

Everyday, before playtime, we have snack time all together. We provide milk and water and all the children are encouraged to have a piece of fruit. This time is used for socialising, the children are encouraged to try new foods, and learn from each other.

The adults in class join in, modelling appropriate behaviour and taking the time to chat to the children.

### Letters

All letters will be put in your child's book bag.

There is a small green box, by the classroom door, for reply forms and money.

### Wellies & Waterproofs

Please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies and a set of waterproofs in school at all times, we use our outside space in all weathers!

### Forest Schools

We will be working towards using our woodland area, which is a short walk away from school. We will also be taking advantage of the environment closer to school, where we will be working together, investigating and exploring in all weathers!

### Website

Please regularly check our school website for day to day happenings and diary dates.  
**[www.levens.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.levens.cumbria.sch.uk)**