

RAINBOW CLASS NEWS

AUTUMN 2026

Dear Copplestone families,

Welcome to the first year at Copplestone Primary School!

Ms Guy, Mrs Quelch, and I are looking forward to getting to know you and your children this year – thank you for your support in advance. This term will run much like pre-school with plenty of opportunities for independent learning through play. We will begin to learn our sounds, applying them in our reading and writing and begin to develop our number sense. We will become part of school life, from attending assemblies, music lessons with Preschool and sharing books with our Year 6 reading buddies.

Learning

This term we will be learning lots of new vocabulary through nursery rhymes and traditional tales.

We will explore the forest and the changing seasons, learn about the traditions of Diwali as well as visiting the war memorial as part of our learning about Remembrance Day.

We will explore the art of Eric Carle and perform our Nativity show later on in the term.

Please take a look at the class topic web on the school website to find out more.

Keeping Active & Healthy

Forest school will happen on Friday mornings starting on the 25th September. The children will need to come to school in their forest school clothes – long tshirts/jumpers and long trousers that you are happy to get mucky. Wellies are preferable, although old trainers are fine too.

PE will be on Friday afternoons, starting on the 25th September also. Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school for that day as they will be changing into it immediately after forest school.

Healthy morning snacks are provided by school – these consist of fruit and vegetables. If they would like crackers or another healthy option in addition to this, you are welcome to provide one. Also, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Little Wandle Phonics

We will begin our reading journey on the 14th September, introducing **a new sound every day**. Therefore, it is important that your child has a good attendance, or they may miss the new sounds as we progress through the term. For any help with how to say the sounds or how they are taught, please follow this link:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

I will be posting the sounds we learn onto Class Dojo to keep you up to date with your child's learning each week.

Reading books will begin to come home when your child is confident in recognising the sounds we have learnt as well as blending them to read words. *Remember, reading is not a race!* The children will be bringing home 'books of interest' from the library to share with you every Friday.

It is just as important to share a story with an adult reading at home to support their language development.

Dates for the future

This year, we will have a meeting each half term to explain our learning and the next phase of our phonics acquisition. Please put the dates in your diary and attend each one. I am happy for other family members to join who support your child's learning if you cannot make it!

Tuesday 22nd September
Tuesday 3rd November
Tuesday 12th January
Tuesday 23rd February
Tuesday 21st April
Tuesday 15th June

Keeping in touch

Please make sure you regularly check Class Dojo; not just to see what the children have been up to, but also to be able to receive important information about what is happening in class.

Please do message us if you have any questions - we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Ms Guy will be in class on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Quelch from Wednesday onwards.

Mr Hagan