

Spring Term in Early Years...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all had a fantastic and relaxing Christmas break. We would like to say a huge thank you for all of the Christmas cards and gifts that we received. It was very kind of you!

Our Topics this half term:

We have a very busy term ahead! We are very excited about exploring our new topic about 'A Journey Through Space' for the first few weeks, followed by learning about Kings and Queens to round off the half term. Through these topics, we will be learning about science, history and geography, as well as covering all of the foundation stage areas of learning too.

The EYFS Team

This term, staffing will remain the same within Early Years:

Mrs Deane - Reception Teacher (Monday, Tuesday and Friday)
Miss Atkins - Reception teacher (Wednesday and Thursday)
Mrs Hazell - Forest School leader (Friday afternoons)
Miss Coates - Nursery Nurse (full time)
Mrs Davies - Learning Support Assistant (full time)

Our Week

Please remember **drop off is 8.35- 8:45am** and **collection is 3.15pm**. We really appreciate your punctuality in the mornings so we can get started with our day as promptly as possible.

Reception children need their reading book and reading record in their book bag every day. The day(s) your child reads in school varies each week so we appreciate your support in making sure they always have it with them. Please also remember the importance of reading with your child at home. We will only change your child's book when they have read their book at least three times.

Thursdays - PE day for Nursery and Reception (Reception need PE kit in at all times) and library day for all children (so please remember to return your child's book every Thursday)
Fridays - Forest School. Please make sure your child's kit is returned this week.

Clothing:

Please ensure all clothing is clearly named

- A supply of spare clothes- seasonally appropriate please!
- PE kit

- Forest school kit
- Hat, gloves, scarf
- Wellies

If any parents have any spare pairs of children's socks at home which you are able to donate, we currently don't have any spares at school so would be very grateful!

Evidence Me:

Don't forget, you can share WOW moments with us by uploading photos and videos to Evidence Me. The children love sharing this with their friends. It also helps us build up a full picture of your child and interests outside of school. We also use this platform to send our newsletters as well as updates on what your child has been up to at school!

If you have any questions or technical difficulties, please do let us know so we can help.

Phonics

This term, the Reception Class has been split into three phonics group, based on the children's assessments upon completing Level 2 phonics. The groups are as follows:

Mrs Deane/Miss Atkins - Beginning Level 3 phonics

Mrs Davies - Consolidating Level 2 phonics, focusing mainly on blending and segmenting

Miss Coates - Recapping Level 2 phonics, focusing mainly on sound recognition.

If you would like to know which group your child is in or would like more information on the phonics levels or structure, please feel free to ask a member of staff.

Best wishes,

The Early Years Team