

Reception Class Spring Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for another busy but fun term in Reception!

Topics

Our new topic is 'Amazing Animals'. We will learn about some of the fascinating animals that live in different places on planet earth. We are also going to be searching for signs of Winter, hopefully getting the chance to explore ice and snow. We have lots of exciting activities to look forward to such as making ice lollies and hot chocolate. Yum! We also have an ice cream parlour role play area.

Next half term we have another exciting topic to look forward to... 'Our Wonderful World'. We will learn about Dinosaurs, the other planets in the solar system and we will also learn about why it is important to look after our world.



Reading Books

The children are really enjoying taking reading books home. Please can I remind you to write a comment about their reading and enjoyment of the story. This will help us when we are reading with your child at school. It is incredibly important that you listen to your child read, as well as you reading to them. We want all children to have a love of reading. Reading books will still be changed on Mondays.



PE

Gymnastics has now finished and PE will no longer take place on Wednesday mornings. From now on, Mrs Brown will take PE with our class on **Monday afternoons**.

Please ensure that your child has a pair of **black pumps** in their PE bag that fits them.

Ongoing tasks

It is amazing to see the progress that each and every child has made in just one term at school. I am sure that you will agree. I would like to thank you for all of the hard work that you do at home with your child. It really does pay off. Children are making rapid progress and so please continue to work on:

- * Counting beyond 20
- * Counting back from 20
- * One more and one less than a number
- * Simple and practical addition and subtraction
- * Using mathematical language to describe size, shape, length etc
- * Recognising numbers to 20 and beyond (door numbers, telephone numbers etc)
- * Number and letter formation (letters sitting on the line)
- * Recognising all taught sounds with speed
- * Reading words that have been sent home and trying to read unfamiliar words (signs, cards, magazines)
- * Dressing and undressing including zipping up coats and putting gloves on

Developing understanding of our topic and key vocabulary

To support your child's learning in our topic work we send home a knowledge organiser. This outlines the key learning that will take place, along with some key vocabulary that we will use throughout the topic. We will be referring to our knowledge organiser throughout this half term but please also spend some time sharing this with your child at home. I'm sure you will be pretty impressed when your child comes home and shares some new and interesting facts and experiences with you! The knowledge organiser will be used as a basis for an end of term assessment of what the children have learnt.

Reminders:

- ◆ Please send your child's reading book and record to school every day.
- ◆ Children will still change their library books on Friday afternoons.
- ◆ Water bottles should come to school empty. Children will fill their water bottles when they arrive.
- ◆ Please check that your child's name is still visible on every piece of clothing they wear in school.

As always, if you have any concerns or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support. Happy New Year!

Miss White