



Spring 1 Newsletter

Happy New Year. I hope you have all had a fantastic break and stayed well.

The adults that will be working in Acorn Class this half term are Mrs Simmons, Mrs Mosley and Mrs Butler (Friday PM). We are lucky enough to have 2 students joining us Lilly will continue to work with us on a Thursday and a Friday. Miss Morris is a teaching student who will join us full time for this half term.

This half term we will be learning about Winter, North and South Pole, Friendships/ Feelings, Chinese New Year and if we can fit it in Space. As always, we will also be following the children's interests. There is a copy of what we will be learning in the curriculum section of the class page.

Spare Clothes

Please could you send a bag with a named change of clothes in. We sent them home at the end of term.

Rainbow Challenge-

The next step to becoming independent learners is our Rainbow Challenge. I will explain it all to the children when they come back to school. Each day an independent task will be set and it is the children's responsibility to complete it. Once completed they get a coloured lolly pop stick and the idea is that by the end of the week they have made a rainbow. We celebrate their success on a Friday.

This will take us a little bit of time to get used to but we will support the children to help them in the first few weeks.

PE

PE this term is with a PE coach. This will take place on a Thursday so please can your child come to school on a Thursday wearing PE kit.

Oral Health

As part of the new EYFS curriculum there is a big focus on Oral Health. We spend a lot of time talking about healthy foods and things that are good or not so good for your teeth throughout the day. We also talk about the importance of brushing your teeth and visiting the dentist. We will be doing more on this over the coming weeks. I have added to the class page a PowerPoint for parents on Oral Health.

Reading:

- Books will continue to be changed weekly depending on team colour. When the books come back from home they will be quarantined for 72 hours.
- Thank you for your feedback on Tapestry.
- Don't worry we will keep a record of books that the children have read at school.
- It is really important to read with your child for about 10 minutes each day.
- When your child moves onto reading books it is important that they read them more than once over the week as this helps to consolidate their learning from school and increase fluency and confidence.

Book Changing Days:

Monday- Red

Tuesday- Green

Wednesday- Yellow

Thursday- Blue

Phonics:

We will continue to consolidate the new Phase 3 sounds and tricky words that we learned before the holidays. When we are ready we will begin to introduce more Phase 3 sounds and tricky words. We don't need sound books for the first week but it would be really useful if you continued to look at some of the more challenging sounds such as qu, ch and sh.

Tapestry

Your child's journey through Reception involves team work. Please send observations of things that your child gets up to it is lovely to see and can help to inform their profile.

Other Information

Please can you make sure that drinks bottles do not go into book bags as they always leak.

Please can you make sure your child has a coat in school every day as we are outside whatever the weather.

If you have any questions or worries please feel free to come and talk to me, drop me an e mail or message me on Tapestry.

Many thanks

Mrs Simmons