

Spring term newsletter

January 2020



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and would like to say a huge thank you for the cards and presents we received. Thank you also to all of you who have volunteered in class over last term - we appreciate all your help. If anyone would like to offer to help this term, please speak to us.

Themes

We will be beginning this half term looking at Chinese New Year. We will be learning about how this is celebrated and the children will have the opportunity to try some Chinese food! Our story is also linked to Chinese New Year and how the animals have a race to decide which of them the new year would be named after.

We will then change our topic to Aliens and Space! We will be using a simplified version of the story 'Aliens love underpants' by Claire Freedman to orally retell and will also link different areas of the curriculum to this topic such as art, dance, music and science.



In Maths we will be doing addition, estimating, one less, subtraction and halving. In phonics we will be focusing on Phase 3 sounds with some children starting to learn the new sounds where others will be using the sounds already learnt to develop their reading and writing. We will be encouraging the children to use their phonic knowledge to write for different purposes e.g. labels, lists, descriptions. We will also be thinking about how we can keep ourselves healthy in terms of hygiene, exercise and food choices. In RE the children will be exploring stories from the bible and from other faiths. We will be encouraging the children to identify similarities and differences between themselves and others.

Special events

On Wednesday 22nd January at 3:30-4:00pm we will be holding a phase 3 phonic workshop for parents of Reception children. We will go through the phase 3 sounds and give some ideas of activities we do at school and things you can do at home to support your child.

Parents meetings will be in the week beginning 27th January which provides the opportunity for you to meet and discuss your child's progress and attainment. However, if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to come and see us before this.

Homework

The children will have homework each week which will consist of a literacy and maths activity for your child to do, if they want. The children will also have colour and number coded reading books and a library book. If you change their reading book please check to ensure you have selected books with the same colour and number code. If you are limited for time, please prioritise sharing a book with your child eg reading to them, them reading to you, talking about the story and enjoying the time together.

PE kit

This term we would like the children to have a PE kit, consisting of named black shorts and a named plain white t- shirt. No footwear is needed for PE as the children will be barefoot.

A few reminders

Please make sure sweatshirts and cardigans, snack pots, drinks bottles and lunch boxes are clearly named, as children often forget which one is theirs and we get quite a collection!

Please also ensure your child has a change of clothes in school in case of any 'accidents'.

School news will be communicated every Thursday via an email bulletin. Please contact the office if you are not receiving these bulletins. The website is also a useful reference for dates and resources.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do come in after school to see us.

Many thanks,

Mrs Palfrey and Mrs Jackson