



Reception Class Newsletter

Spring Term 1

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break.

Curriculum Overview

Our two topic projects this term are called 'Long Ago' and 'Winter Wonderland'.

Our main project this term is called 'Long Ago'. In the Long Ago project your child will learn about their history and how they have changed from when they were babies. They will learn about their family history and heritage and find out what life was like when their grandparents were children. They will learn about what it was like to go to school in the past and how everyday objects, such as clothes, toys and vehicles have changed.

Supporting your child at home with this topic

- Look at photographs of the children as babies and discuss how they have grown and changed.
- Look at family photographs so the children can see family members when they were children.
- Talk about what your life was like when you were a child.

Our mini topic this half term is 'Winter Wonderland'. We will be learning all about the changes that happen during winter, including the types of weather associated with winter. We will also learn about places that have snow all year round and the types of animals that live there.

Phonics - We will continue to have daily Phonics lessons and learn our Set 1 sounds. Some children will begin to learn set 2 sounds.

Maths - We will be focusing on numbers 5-10 this term.

RE - Our RE topic this half term is called "Our Special Books". We will be learning all about stories from different religions.

Music - Our topic this half term is 'Everyone!'. We will learn lots of action songs.

PE - Our PE lesson is every Wednesday at 9am, long hair needs to be tied up and earrings removed please.

Reading

Home readers - Please use the boom reader app to record each time your child reads at home. Remember they will earn a stamp in their reward chart if they read 3 or more times each week.

Library books - Every Friday Reception class will visit the school library. Children are allowed to take one book home to share with their grown-ups each week. We then expect the book to be returned on the following Friday to exchange for a new book.

Links with home

Tapestry accounts - Please upload photos and videos of things your child gets up to at home that they would like to share with the class in show and tell time.

General Notices

Behaviour system - In class we have discussed expected and unacceptable behaviour. Children are rewarded with team points for good behaviour in and around school and these contribute to our whole school team point totals. We also choose a star of the week each Friday in Reception Class.

Birthday - Your child can come in their own clothes on their birthday. If their birthday falls at the weekend or a school holiday, please choose the day closest to it.

Water bottles - Please only send plain water in these.

Labelling clothes - Please ensure that you have labelled all your child's belongings, including P.E. kit, school uniform, bags, bottles, coats and shoes.

Weather - In Reception class we go outside whatever the weather! Please bring a raincoat every day.

Kind regards Mrs Strellis, Mrs McGlynn and Miss Gamwell