

Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS

Settling In

We would like to begin by wishing our children and parents a very Happy New Year. The children have been very enthusiastic whilst discussing their holiday news and any special presents they received from 'Father Christmas'. They have enjoyed sharing their special news with friends during group times.

We have been welcoming some new children into Nursery who are settling in extremely well, exploring their new environment and making new friends!

We have sent home 'getting to know me sheets' for the children who have just joined us. Please could parents return these to Nursery if they have not already done so. This information ensures staff have increased knowledge of your child and also forms the beginning of their Learning Journal.

Just a reminder that we ask for fruit and healthy snacks to be provided in a small named Tupperware box. Alternatively you can pay via parent pay for fruit which is provided by the school. All children are also offered milk and water throughout the day.

Please could we also remind parents to name everything; snack boxes, water bottles and all clothing, including shoes. This helps staff enormously throughout the day and also ensures if something is lost we can make sure it finds its way to the right child!

'Winter Wonderland'



We have begun this term by looking at the weather and the elements of Winter.

Our role play area has been transformed into a fantastic 'Winter Wonderland' with polar bears, penguins, snowballs and a glittery array of snowflakes and wintery sparkles. This has enabled the children to discover and

talk about the animals who live in cold climates. The children have also been counting snowballs, exploring textures and talking about the different kinds of weather and seasons throughout the year, therefore expanding their knowledge of the world.



Favourite Stories

We shall be continuing this term to use a range of books, stories and rhymes to enhance the children's learning and development. Next week we shall be looking at the story of 'The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud'. The children will be participating in some fantastic wintery activities and also continuing to get to know their new friends!

We are very lucky to be able to incorporate an extra PE session on a Tuesday afternoon. This is in addition to our regular session on a Thursday morning and will include fantastic activities with a specialized teacher. Therefore, if your child does attend on a Tuesday afternoon please can we ask that they have their PE pumps or trainers at Nursery. Thank you.

Read, Write, Inc.

The children have not been looking at specific letter sounds this week, but instead have been revising the sounds we have learnt so far. We shall be continuing next week with the letters 'u' and 'b' and once again, if children have any items at home beginning with these letters they are welcome to bring them in to share with us.

RECEPTION NEWS

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to not only a new term, but to a new calendar year too! We hope that you have all had a festive and fun-filled break. It has been wonderful hearing all of the adventures your children have had over the holidays.

The Lent Term is an exciting time in Reception, with all the children now very settled in their environment, they really start to show off their talents!

This term our topic is **Superheroes**. During the up and coming weeks, we will be designing superhero outfits, making our own heroes from found materials, thinking about what super powers we would like to have, and dressing up as our favourite hero for the day. So, if your child has any books on superheroes that they would like to share with us, please send them in! Sturdy inexpensive figures are welcome too for children to use in their play, but nothing delicate or expensive please, as we cannot be responsible for any potential break-ages to much loved toys.



Please ensure that any items brought in to school are clearly named, to avoid confusion. Thank you!

This week

Although we have only been back a few days, the children have already been getting excited about our new Superhero topic. They have dressed up as their favourite character and played with small world toys, pretending to rescue toys from castles and towers!



Dusting off their writing skills they have been writing thank you letters to Santa and making independent 'hero' cards. In RE, we have been thinking about our new year's resolution. Lots of children have said they are determined to give up chocolates and sweets! PSHE lessons have focused on 'challenges' and we have been thinking about how to tackle things that are tricky by asking for help or by persisting until they are done.

News

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Reeve, who is our new Reception teaching assistant. She will be predominately working with RF and RC. She has many years of experience and a wealth knowledge, making her a fantastic addition to our team.

Reminders

Now that it is getting wetter and colder, please could children bring a pair of waterproof trousers for Forest Fun. We will be undertaking Superhero activities that will involve sitting and kneeling on the damp ground. We don't want them to get wet and dirty. Thank you!

Dates

12th January - Reception eye tests.
18th January - Spring Coffee Morning.
30th January - Class photos.

Finally, a huge thank you for all the cards, gifts and warm wishes that we have received at the end of last term. Your support is much appreciated.

Yours,

The Reception Team