



16th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers.

Reception class newsletter - Spring Term 2023

Welcome back! We hope that you had a lovely holiday.

CURRICULUM

Our theme for this term is 'My special world around me'

We have started to talk about Winter and what we notice to decide it is Winter. Our first book was Blue Penguin when we thought about our friends around us and being kind to each other. This led us on to learning about penguins, their habitats, the food they eat and how they live. The children will contribute ideas and further learning about animals living in cold climates will be led by the children's suggestions. We will compare the climates of different countries and talk how animals adapt to living there.

We will move on to looking at how we travel to different places in the UK and to other countries and planets! This will give us an opportunity to look at different types of transport and how people, objects, and nature moves from one place to another.

We will be investigating these things using open ended questions, setting challenges, doing experiments and encouraging the children to find things out for themselves.

New vocabulary will be a big focus and we will focus on new words from story books and non fiction information.

Festivals we will learn about this term are;
Chinese New Year and Easter

We welcome the children to bring in books, pictures and objects connected with our topic to share. It is useful if any items brought into school from home are labelled with the child's name.

We will be continuing to work on our sounds (phonics) every day and will continue to let you know which sounds via your child's reading record. We will no longer be bringing in objects beginning with sounds.

However, we will be introducing a new idea called '**Magic Moments**'. This is when two children a week will bring in objects, photos and things that are special to them such as a first teddy, a special photo or a precious toy. They will have an opportunity to share them and talk about them with the rest of the class. Your child will bring home a letter to inform you when it is 'their week'. This is one of the ways that children develop their speaking and listening.

CLOTHING

As you know the children spend a lot of their time in the outside learning areas and they have a wonderful time learning through the activities prepared for them. Please make sure that your child is always dressed appropriately for **all weather** situations. Please also ensure

that your **entire child's uniform** is clearly named to help avoid any mix-ups. All children need wellies in school every day.

It is really important that children have spare clothes in a bag on their peg including socks and pants.

PE

Our PE days are on Tuesdays and Fridays

Children should bring a **named** PE kit consisting of dark shorts and a school PE top, in a **named** bag.

CRAFT AND COOKING CONTRIBUTION

For craft and cooking money this term, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £6.00. Please return this in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We would like to remind you of the importance of attendance and punctuality, and ask that you make every effort to bring your child to school every day and collect them on time. If you are late in the morning you will need to go around to the front of the school and come through the main door. You will also need to fill in your child's details in the late arrivals file. Please telephone the school in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

We continue to ask for

Small boxes, toilet/kitchen rolls, any other craft bits and thank you for the contributions last term.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Finally, parent consultations for children in Reception will take place in the week commencing Monday 6th March – probably on the Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon that week. We will send out details of how to book a slot a few weeks before. However, if you do have any queries or concerns regarding your child before then, please do feel free to pop in at the end of the day.

DATES FOR THE TERM;

Building Blocks Monday 16th OR Friday 20th/27th January

Parent Consultations- week commencing 6th March

Please see the school website for other dates.

Thank you

Reception Team