



Foundation Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school for our Spring term! We hope everyone had a lovely holiday and a fantastic Christmas. The children have been very excited to tell us about their family times over the past two weeks and we have loved hearing about all the lovely things you have been doing together. The Foundation staff would like to say another heartfelt thankyou to you all for the lovely presents that you gave us; we were so touched at your kindness, thank you to everyone.

This term our topic for the first two weeks is “Winter”. We have been writing instructions on how to keep warm in Winter, as well as creating winter collages and penguin pictures, and in maths we calculated addition problems using winter items. In phonics we recapped digraphs *ch, sh, th, ng*. Next week we will be carrying out some science experiments involving ice.

Our topic will then be all about “Superheroes.” We will be starting by learning about real life superheroes, such as police officers, fire officers, doctors and nurses etc. If anyone feels that they can help us with this topic in any way we would love to hear from you. Thank you.

Reading Scheme

You have received a letter via email regarding our new reading system. Please take a few minutes to read this, our reading practice has changed in order to give the children extra reading sessions at school. We will check the children’s phonic sounds and words and mark them off in their yellow record book on Monday, then we will have two reading sessions during the week plus individual interventions, and then we will send your child’s book home on Thursday. This is aimed at developing the children’s confidence and fluency and we have been very pleased with how it has gone this week.

Spare Clothes Bags

If you haven’t already done, please could you send your child’s spare clothes bag back to school on Monday with a full set of spare clothes and under wear. Thankyou for this.

Check Book Bags

This weekend please could you check inside your child’s bookbag as there are some bags that have Christmas items inside. We have also popped an entry onto Tapestry with lots of lovely Christmas activities for you to see.

Things to Practise at Home

- Can you calculate some addition problems using objects.
- Look at your child’s reading book with them and practice the phonic sounds.
- Go for a walk in the park or woods. How do you know it is Winter? Talk to your family about the plants and trees and what they look like in Winter.

That’s all for this week. If you have any questions or queries please don’t hesitate to come and speak to a member of staff after school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards

The Foundation Team