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Reception - Class Newsletter - Spring Term 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the spring term! I hope you have all had the opportunity to recharge over the Christmas break. This term we are going to be having a big focus upon writing (see further down) as well as ensuring that all the sounds we have already learnt are embedded and secure.

We're also going to be continuing our Power Maths learning, the children will bring home the next work booklet so that you are able to support your child with what they are learning in class. This continuity is invaluable.

The children have returned to school eager to learn and we thank you for your support. We look forward to continue working with you.

Topic – Our topics for this term are:

Spring 1 - Our Blue Planet Spring 2 - How do other people in the world live?

There will also be a writing themed week alongside World Book Day.

Within these topics there will be many exciting opportunities to inspire and ignite curiosity, as well as a couple of trips planned and visitors booked. For our Spring 2 topic, if any of the children would like to explore and share their cultural heritage with us please come and see one of us - maybe you might be able to offer a work shop, a presentation, a story, teach some language, do some cooking, do some art work, share another faith.....

Dates for diary:

- January - Parent Information Session - Monday 13th January
- February - Parents Evenings - Tuesday 4th February & Wednesday 5th February
- Writing Week - W/c Monday 10th February



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- 17th-21st February – Half Term
- Reception Class Assembly - Friday 28th February
- March – World Book Day (Costume Required) - Thursday 5th March

Wow! Moments – We are already very grateful to all of the parents that have brought in Wow! Moments to share with us and the whole class. Thank you very much! We strive to read them all out to the children before sending them for Mr. Spracklen to see. Please continue to bring in Wow! Moments as these do contribute towards how we assess children. If anyone needs any ideas for what to write on Wow! Moments please don't hesitate to come and ask us.

Snacks and Water – To maximise our brain function and encourage a healthy lifestyle, a healthy snack in school each day in addition to a bottle of water is recommended! We are encouraging the children to drink and eat smart by keeping hydrated through the day and be conscious of what they are eating. The school also provides free fruit for children to have as a snack. Children under the age of 5 are also entitled to a free milk every day. If you wish to continue receiving milk over the age of 5 please see the office for details on how to pay. Snacks, such as crisps and sweets will be positively discouraged. Children are also being much more adventurous with the hot dinners, thank you for all your support in this area.

Reading & Writing – We will be continuing to have daily Read Write Inc sessions. Please continue to change individual reading books, in the library, as often as you feel necessary. As children become more comfortable with reading we will be encouraging a higher level of writing. All the children seem enthusiastic about writing and to support this we will be basing our writing in a real-life context with opportunities for children to discuss what it is they are going to write. As with any skill, practice is crucial! We would encourage you to begin writing single letters, words or even phrases and sentences at home with your child to allow more opportunities to hone this important skill. Any writing that children do at home, we would love to see! We aim to cater for all children and will adjust our objectives according to the ability of each individual child. If you have anything you wish to discuss with us regarding reading or writing, please come and ask us.

Blog/website - We try our best to keep our class blog up-to-date and hope you find it a useful source of information. This information can be accessed at home, work or on your mobile using our class RSS feed:

<http://pow-reception.blogspot.co.uk/>

Or by clicking on the 'reception page' on the school website (through the blogs link). We hope you will find this method of communication useful. You can now comment without being required to sign in. We would encourage you to comment on blog posts as it is always nice to share in class what children have been doing at home. We welcome your thoughts on what else could be included on our class blog.

We continue to use the schools' website for Pupil links. Under the reception folder there will be a growing number of folders containing links and activities to help further your child's learning. In accessing online material and resources, may we remind you of the school's policy on using the Internet at home, which is to always supervise your child when using the Internet. There is also a parents folder with some useful links for you to use.



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PE Kits - Please could you ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school! We will be planning activities to develop children's skills over the term through dance and games activities. As children are growing it may also become necessary to replace some elements of their PE kit and we will let you know if any items no longer fit children.

Jigsaw – Over the term we will be looking at resolving disputes and how we can manage our emotions more effectively. We will also be developing independence and how they are independent within their learning. In Jigsaw the topics that we will be covering are Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me. For each puzzle children will be encouraged to share their experiences and consider some key questions.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. S. Johnson
Reception Class Teacher



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