

Homework: Well done to the children who achieved 10 points or more in their homework books last half term. Please continue to support your child with reading at home and completing homework as it can really make a difference.

PE: All children will take part in PE lessons. The Reception children are expected to at least bring their PE kit in by the end of our first week and leave it in school until half term. The kit should include a plain white or house colour t-shirt, black / navy shorts and plimsolls, which all need to be **clearly labelled**. The nursery children are expected to bring in plimsolls only and leave them in nursery.

We would ask that the children bring school **book bags** into school daily in order to allow for books to be changed and homework to be set. Any letters which are sent home will be placed in your child's book bag so please check them daily.

Additional information

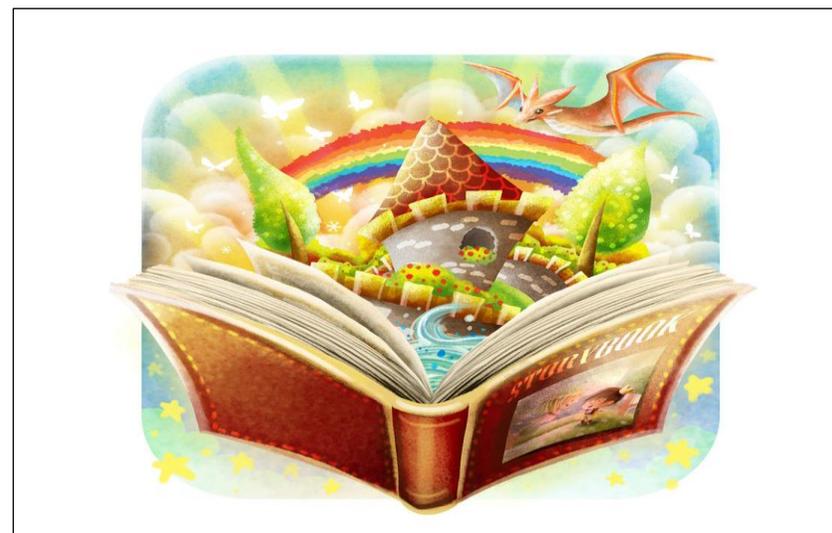
As the children continue to play in our outdoor area every day, please can you ensure they bring a warm coat. A quick reminder about labelling jumpers/cardigans to ensure they can be easily identified.

If you wish to discuss anything with the Foundation Stage staff then please feel free to do so at the end of the day or you can make an appointment via the office.

If you require any guidance with routines for your child, behaviour support or any other matter, we have a parent support advisor – Mrs Wyatt who will be more than happy to help you.

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Winter Theme & Chinese New Year Celebrations (across EYFS)
Do Dragons exist? (Nursery)
Will you read me a story? (Reception)



Spring 1 Newsletter for Parents and Carers of Foundation Stage Children.

Welcome back to all our children and families; we hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. This newsletter is to give you an overview of what your child will be covering this half term in Foundation Stage. We will be looking at the effects of the season of winter, as well as celebrating Chinese New Year which is on 5th February.

Knowledge of the World

We will be continuing to learn about the cultures of different people in our communities, with a special focus this half term on how Chinese New Year is celebrated. The children will also be exploring the season of winter by observing how our environment has changed. We will be experimenting with freezing and melting, as well as thinking about what clothes are suitable for winter.

We are also having an exciting visit from Zoolab, who will bring a range of small creatures into school to talk to the children about.

Literacy

Children in nursery will continue to write their names, mark make and give meanings to their marks. They will be encouraged to make different marks in the environment, through drawing, painting and in the sand/water. The children will hear a range of exciting stories about dragons.

Reception children will be developing their formation of letters and working hard to sound out the letters they can hear in a word to write it. They will be encouraged to begin writing CVC words independently e.g. cat, tin, hop etc. In reading, the children will listen to a range of traditional stories and use these ideas to write their own versions.

Maths

The Nursery children will continue to become familiar with numbers 1-10, counting using 1:1 correspondence, solving problems practically, working with money in the areas of provision and recognising shapes, space and measures.

In Reception, the children will be thinking about finding the number that matches the number of objects. We will be looking at doubling and halving numbers using practical methods and using everyday language to discuss time and money.

Expressive art & design

The children will use the skills they are taught to mix paint and plan / make and review models within their own interests. Any donations of empty clean boxes, yogurt cartons, lids, kitchen towel inner rolls, buttons, balls of wool or ribbon which the children could use for modelling would be greatly appreciated.

PSED

Across EYFS, the children will be supported to continue developing their self-confidence. They were all fantastic in our Nativity performance and we want this confidence to grow. They will be encouraged to recognise what their talents are, to talk to about them and share them with others. If you would like to share any pictures or videos of any special talents from home, please put them onto Tapestry!

Physical

The children will continue to develop their gross and fine motor skills through various activities within the setting. In PE sessions, children will be working on their co-ordination and balance.

Reception will be particularly focusing on athletics skills including running, throwing and jumping.

Attendance

Every school day is vital for your child's learning and development. Missing school or being late can have a negative impact on your child as they miss important steps/experiences within their learning. Children can win individual prizes based on keeping their attendance above 96%. We also have our weekly class attendance competition in achievement assemblies where Reception can win a trophy. We are aiming to win the best attendance for the year. We can do it!