

Reception Newsletter



Spring 1

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday. Many thanks for all of the cards and gifts that you sent in the last week of term. Your kindness is very much appreciated! The last few weeks at school were great fun. We were incredibly proud of Reception for their brilliant efforts in their Christmas Nativity. I'm sure you will all agree that the children were fantastic. We are so excited for the year ahead and have lots of exciting things planned in school this term.



Winter and the Polar Regions!

Our topic this half term is Winter and the Polar Regions which the children always thoroughly enjoy. This half term we will be reading stories including; 'Lost and Found' and 'The Emperor's Egg' linked to our topic. We will be finding out about and exploring the changing seasons and learning about the polar regions. We will be looking at maps of where we live and comparing these to the polar regions and learning about the differences. We will also be learning about famous explorers such as Ernest Shackleton.



Reading

We have been so impressed with the children's progress with reading already this year. Thank you so much for your support in listening to them read regularly and helping them to learn the sounds and words in their sound books. Your help with this makes a big difference and we really appreciate your support. Please continue to sign your child's reading diary if they have read at home, it is always useful for staff to hear how the children have read at home. This half term we will continue to collect decodable books (reading practice books) on a **Monday** and send new ones on a **Thursday**. We will be swapping the reading for pleasure books (sharing books) **every Thursday**. Although we will only be changing books on a Thursday, please ensure reading books and diaries are in book bags every day so that adults in school can read with your child. Sound books will continue to be updated every Friday. Tricky words are now in the back of sound books. These are words that the children cannot decode and therefore, need lots of practise to learn to read them on sight. We would really appreciate your support in regularly reading the tricky words with your children. We will also pop some tricky word bingo games on Tapestry for you to play at home together as extra practise.





Star of the Week

Unfortunately, due to the rising COVID cases we are unable to invite parents/carers/visitors into school for Star of the Week. Children can still share photographs, special items/objects via Tapestry or bring these into school in their book bags. Thanks for your support with this.

PE

PE days this half term will be on a **Monday** and **Friday**. We are very excited to be working with a coach from the PE Sports service this half term for our PE sessions on a Monday. We will be focussing on ball skills. PE days can occasionally change during the week so please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every day.

Weather/ Uniform

We continue to have our classroom windows open every day for ventilation so please feel free to send in extra layers for children to wear indoors. We accumulated a lot of lost property last half term. Please can you ensure that every item of your child's uniform, including their PE kit, hats, gloves and coats are clearly name.



We are also running low on spare clothing in school. If you have any spare school trousers, jumpers/cardigans, socks, underwear at home then we would really appreciate any donations! Thank you.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch either by catching us on the door at home time or ringing/emailing the school office, who will pass on your queries. Alternatively, leave us a message on Tapestry and we will get back to you.

With your continued support, I am sure that we will have another successful and exciting half term ahead of us.

Best Wishes,
The Early Years Team