

Reception Newsletter Spring Term

Our Topic this term will be Animals, we will be:

- Finding out about pets.
- Talking about how to look after pets.
- Sharing stories and poems about animals.
- Talking about different animal habitats.
- Matching different animals to their homes.
- Looking at the work of a vet.



Things to do at home.

- Visit the library and look for information books about different animals.
- Talk about different pets, visit a pet shop.
- Use the internet to find out more about pets.
- Encourage your child to practise getting dressed independently.

PE

This term PE will be on a Wednesday morning. PE kits (white t shirt, black shorts and PE shoes) should be kept in school for the half term. Please ensure all clothing is clearly named as clothing can be easily mixed up when children are changing.

Phonics and reading

The children are taking part in daily phonics lessons, where they are learning new letter sounds and beginning to read simple words and sentences. We will continue a book loan scheme for children to share books at home with an adult. Books will be changed on a Monday and staff will help children to choose a new book.

Maths

This term we will be reinforcing number recognition and counting amounts to 20 and beyond. In practical activities we will be adding and taking away amounts within 10. We will be using shapes to create models and pictures and will begin to sort, match and name a range of 2D and 3D shapes.

Foundation Stage Fund

We would appreciate a weekly donation of £1 per family. This helps to cover the cost of materials for craft activities, ingredients for baking and play dough. We are also grateful for donations of empty boxes, tubes, ribbon, material etc. that we can use for junk modelling.

Homework.

Children will continue to receive phonics homework each week. Activities will include letter recognition, blending simple words for reading and reading simple sentences. A new activity will be added each Friday and books should be kept in the children's reading bags. Children will also have a weekly maths challenge which will be practical and can be carried out using objects around the house.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Dybell