

TEMPLEWOOD SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed a restful break and wish you all the best for the New Year.

The adults currently working in the Reception Team are:

Class Teacher – Mr Christopher Westwood
Early Years Practitioner – Mrs Rachel Marshall (Mornings)
Early Years Practitioner – Mrs Dee Debaere (Monday – Wednesday)
Early Years Practitioner – Mrs Kim Bates (Wednesday – Friday)
Teaching Assistant – Miss Melissa Ellis

Parent Surgery

Please encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, as we would try to resolve them immediately, rather than going home with worries. If you have any problems please book an appointment for our Tuesday afternoon parent surgery. However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns immediately.

Spring Term (First Half)

This half term we have chosen “Frozen Planet” as our topic. Before half term, the children decided what they wanted to learn about. Here are their responses:

Felix: “Ice when it’s melting”

Asher: “Ice cubes”

Max: “Penguins”

Savannah: “Polar Bears”

Freya: “Snowflakes”

Emily: “Snow queens”

Walter: “Snowmen”

Edgar: “Uranus – an actual frozen planet.”

Robin: “When the temperature is colder”

Spectacular Start

To start off our topic, today we planned how to make a cinema experience for ourselves and Nursery. We are planning to make and “sell” popcorn, tickets and *Frozen* themed toys as per the children’s suggestions.

We will be watching the film *Frozen*, which is rated PG. If you would not like your child to watch the film, please email the office (admin@templewood.herts.sch.uk) or see me directly.

If you would not like your child to make or eat the popcorn, please also email the office or see me directly.

Family Photos

If you have not done so already, please could you send in a family photo or a photo of your home that you would be happy for us to put on display in the classroom?

Library

Today (Tuesday), the children enjoyed their first trip to the Library. They have all come home with an extra library book.

Home Learning

Please take home the Magic Moment Sheets located in the cloakroom. If your child does something special at home, for example got a swimming badge or went on a trip, we would love for you to share it with us. When you have filled the form in please bring them back to school we will talk about them with your child and then add them to your child's Learning Journal.

Handwriting

Children are often keen to learn to write their name and other words. If they are interested this should be encouraged. Please remember to teach them to write their name in lower case except for the initial letter. If you would like to see our school handwriting style please access www.letterjoin.co.uk (Login: templewood and Password: al87sd).

Clothing

Please can **all** children have a spare pair of pants / trousers and clothes in the event of any occasional toileting accidents or if they become dirty from being outside. These need to be kept in a separate bag (e.g. Templewood PE bag) on their pegs. Spare clothes are not to be kept in book-bags please as this makes it difficult for us to find letters.

PE

Our PE day in Year R will be on a Monday so children will need PE kits. This consists of a plain white t-shirt and black sports shorts. Please ensure warm PE clothes are in the bag as children will be outside.

Birthdays

Birthdays are celebrated in the class and some families like to bring in a treat for the children in the class. As a healthy school, we ask that the treat be something like a special pencil, a box of raisins, or you can donate a 'birthday' book to Templewood (the office will issue a birthday book sticker to show whose birthday the book was purchased for. As a school we do not give out sweets or home-baking due to the number of different allergies.

Reminders

Please make sure that toys from home are not brought to school; they may go missing, get broken or get muddled up with Templewood's own toys.

If you have any queries or worries, please do not hesitate to contact the office and arrange an appointment.

I look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Christopher Westwood
Year R Class Teacher