



Early Years Newsletter

January 2019



Tapestry

Thank you to all the parents who are continuing to log onto Tapestry regularly to look at their child's progress. A further thank you to parents who are adding photos from experiences outside of school. If this is something that you are unsure about doing please come and see Miss Khan or Mrs Wynne at the beginning or end of the day.

Show and Tell

In Reception on Wednesdays we have a Show and Tell session in the afternoon. Any child can bring something into school on Wednesday to show the class. We will not be doing Show and Tell on any other days during the week. If your child does want to bring something in, please support them by discussing the different things they could tell the class about their item.

What are we going to be learning about this half term?

In the coming half term in Nursery we will be exploring 'winter'; looking for the signs of winter, winter weather, keeping warm in winter, and learning about some of the animals that live in the cold places of the world. As part of this we will be learning about the concepts of freezing and melting, and dark and light. During the first week we will also introduce the character 'Tatty Ratty' from the same-named book. In the book Tatty Ratty goes on lots of adventures. Each week one of the children will be inviting Tatty Ratty to come and visit their house for the weekend to continue his adventures there!

The Reception Class are currently reading *Mr Gumpy's Outing* and will be exploring the concept of floating and sinking. Following on from this the class will be learning about space and reading the story book *Whatever's Next*. On the last week before the half term we will be learning about China and celebrating Chinese New Year.

Zoolab

Zoolab are visiting us on 5th March for both Nursery and Reception children. A contribution of £4.50 per a child needs to be paid through our online system.

New Starters

We are very pleased to welcome six new starters in Nursery this term.

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Homework

This term Reception class children will be starting homework for the first time. Their homework books will be sent home on Monday and collected in on the Friday. Each book will contain a list of homework tasks for the children to undertake, one per a week. They can choose which task they would like to do. You may be asked to record the homework by taking a photo and putting it up onto Tapestry. If this is something you are unsure about or you have any other questions please come and see Miss Khan at the beginning or end of the day.

Forest Schools

Reception children will continue to attend weekly Forest Schools sessions with Ms Ford every Friday morning for the whole term. The sessions start again on Friday 11th January. As the weather is colder please make sure they have a backpack, lots of layers, gloves, hat, scarf and a small backpack.

We are still in need of a parent helper for Forest School sessions. You will not need access to a car as we are able to sit everyone onto the Minibus. Please see Miss Khan if you are able to help us on Friday Morning.

Snack Money

Could you please send your £10 contribution for morning snack in a named envelope for this term.

The Nursery children who stay for the afternoon sessions also have an afternoon snack. An additional contribution to cover those costs would also gratefully be received in the order ...

£5 (for 5 afternoons);

£4 (4 afternoons);

£3 (3 afternoons);

£2 (2 afternoons);

£1 (1 afternoon)