

# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2019



## Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019**

**9:15-11:20**

**Wellie Walk Wednesday...** join us in your wellies for a stomp through the local mud...searching out signs of winter and wild life! Returning to School for hot chocolate and cookies at 11:00.

**Open morning- Great Frizington Bake off Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Put on your apron and come along to the Tent to bake gingerbread men with your child!

**Every Thursday if FOREST SCHOOL... and you are invited to come to school ready for a morning at forest school.**

OUR TOPIC THIS TERM IS 'WEATHER EXPERTS' WITH A MINI TOPIC ON 'MADE IN CUMBRIA' JUST BEFORE EASTER.



Wishing you all a **very happy new year!** Please join with me in welcoming Mrs Catherine Webb to our Team. She will be teaching on Friday Mornings in Mrs Roses' absence this half term. Our topic this term is '**weather experts**' with a mini topic just before Easter called '**Made in Cumbria**'. We will be learning all about the weather, where it comes from and how it affects us. We will be making weather monitoring equipment, recording the weather and collecting data on rain fall etc. In science we will be looking at floating and sinking, making boats as well as learning where our water comes from. We will watch the weather forecast and have a go at being weather forecasters ourselves. In geography we will learn where to find England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales on a map of the British Isles! We will focus on different types of weather and spend a

fortnight learning and exploring how this weather affects the land, our play, clothing and toys... Each time we learn and explore a weather we are going to make a special weather toy box containing toys that would be great to play with in that weather eg A Windy Day Toy box, we will have kites, bubbles, ribbons etc. We will be using the Percy Park Keeper Stories by Nick Butterworth to enhance our story telling language, learning and play.



Before Easter we will use the topic of Made in Cumbria to learn about local foods and businesses.

We are going to focus on Grasmere Gingerbread and the story of the '**The Gingerbread Man**'. We will be making a trip to the bakery at Frizington and then having our own '**Great Frizington Bake Off!**' (see dates). In RE this term will be learning about religious celebrations, eg Weddings and christenings and then



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In English this term, we will be using the letters that we know to spell words and begin to write simple captions, phrases and sentences by ourselves. We will learn about finger spaces and full stops to help us with this too. Phonics steps up a gear! And we will begin learning the Phase 3 sounds. We will continue to learn 2 or 3 new sounds a week. The pace of this is fast and your support in reinforcing and practising this learning using the phonics folder at home is very much appreciated by us and your child!

## Reading



**Learning to read is all about practise!**

Your child should be reading to an adult at home **every** day!

*Please use the Home/School reading diary to let me how your child's reading at home is going.*



Your child should choose their own new reading books every day

when they arrive in school.

**STRIVE FOR 5**– If your child reads 5 times in a week at home and there is evidence of this in their reading record, then they will receive a raffle ticket to enter the weekly 'Reading Raffle' with the chance to win a book for home.

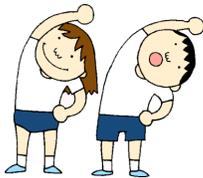
If anyone would like to offer time to hear readers in class on a regular basis please come and ask.

### Homework

On Wednesdays the children will continue to bring home their 'learning at home' book. This will tell you briefly what we have covered in class within the week and also give you a practical activity that you could do at home to support your child's learning. There will continue to be the postcard for children to draw and write about something they have done at home. (Your child should now be able to tell you the sentence they want to write and have a go at writing it themselves!) This postcard should be returned to school on Monday, where back in class it will be used to write our class newspaper on Monday morning!

### P.E

Please could children have their P.E kit in school every day



- P.E kit, for the Spring term, should consist of shorts and T-shirt, and jogging bottoms; they can wear their school sweatshirt/Hoodie if it is cold. Please could they also bring a pair of plimsolls/trainers suitable for outdoor

games. **Our PE day will be MONDAY up to half term.**

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

COULD ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING including SHOES, BE CLEARLY NAMED- Thank you?



### **FOREST SCHOOLS.**

Forest schools will continue from **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January and continue each Thursday with the last Forest school this term on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.** Please see the attached timetable as some of our sessions will be in the afternoon! **ON THURSDAYS** please send your child to school on forest school days dressed and ready in warm clothing. (*If you would like to come along please let us know or sign your name on the rota on the class notice board*),

**Snack money** for Reception children is £1 per week, please give this to Mrs Little each week. This pays for baking ingredients, snack foods in class and at forest school. Thank you.



Your child should also have a NAMED water bottle, so that they can have a drink at other times too. Children will need to take this home every day to have the water refreshed.

### How can you help?

*Read stories about different weathers and areas in our world with different climates to ours.*

*Watch the weather forecast with your child.*

*Look out of the window, have a go at predicting the weather using the clouds!*

*Encourage your child to think which clothing would be good to wear according to the weather.*

Use the learning at home book to support you with activities to reinforce learning that has happened in school each week.

*Any opportunities to use maths and numbers in a practical context at home is Super!*

*Use the phonics folder to reinforce our learning in phonics.*

*Support and encourage your child to have a go at writing simple words/ sentences using their letter knowledge.*

**Visit our class pages on the school website to find ICT games to support your child's progress.**

[www.frizington-pri.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.frizington-pri.cumbria.sch.uk)

**If anyone has any expertise, knowledge or artefacts that may support our learning, please do let us know.**



### **School trips**

We will be planning and making a trip at some point this term – more details to follow closer to the time.

**Don't forget to check the School's facebook pages and website and SCHOOL JOTTER app to keep up to date on what we have been doing and upcoming events.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come see us.

*The EYFS team*



<b>Week/date</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
1 10/1/19	Reception	
2 17/1/19	Reception	
3 24/1/19	Reception	
4 31/1/19	Reception	
5 7/2/19		Reception
6 14/2/19		Reception
Half term		
8 28/2/19	Reception	
9 7/3/19	Reception	
10 14/3/19	Reception	
11 21/3/19	Reception	
12 28/3/19	No forest school for YR	