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Dear Parents,

Reception

We have really loved receiving all of your family tradition sheets to find out how you celebrated the Festive period, if you haven't handed it in yet it's not too late!

Topic for Spring Term 1 – Dinosaurs (Land Before Time)

General Information

PE – We ask for the children's PE kits to be brought in on Mondays and taken home on Fridays so they are in school all week if we need them. PE is taught on Tuesdays in Reception.

Building Works - Thank you for bearing with us with regarding the outside area. The roof works are continuing, making it a potential health and safety issue for the children to play in that area during school hours. We have however, been going to the main playground every day and taking equipment from our area with us so the children have had access to our provision.

Milk and Water - At present, each class have a small number of milks being delivered to class but more children have showed an interest in wanting milk. Generally, milk is ordered and paid for a term in advance and letters will come home to order milk for the summer term, next half term. However, if your child would like milk before the summer term, please see the office and they may be able to assist you. If your child is under 5 years old, milk should be free; if they are over 5, a payment will need to be made. The school office can give you more information about your child's eligibility. Please could you also make sure your child has a named water bottle in school.

School Dinners – The lunch menu is available from the school office or there is a copy that you can see from outside, in both classes. Please make sure that you spend some time deciding with your child what they will have that day.

Staffing

Before Christmas we appointed a new Early Years Practitioner for Oak class, her name is Miss Dunton and we are looking forward to her joining us at the end of this month.

In Oak class, Mrs Chiveralls has volunteered to work with us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. Mrs Chiveralls works in the school as an MSA, so the children know her well.

This Week's Learning

Every week we will endeavour to send out a learning newsletter, which lets you know what we will be learning in school. They will go home every Friday, so please ask if you don't have a copy in your child's book bag.

Home Learning

Thank you to those who have sent in the 'Family Traditions' home learning. This week you would have also received a questionnaire that will help us gain information about your child's use of technology at home. We would really appreciate your input and look forward to reading about what your child can do.

'WOW' Moments

We love receiving WOW moments and we ask your child to share them with the rest of the class and celebrate these, so keep them coming in. If you need any more stickers, please ask.

Phonics

Please be aware that there will be new sounds coming home with some children on a weekly basis.

Reading

Remember it is really important to read with your child at home.

Your child will read with an adult in school a minimum of once a week, where they will change their reading book if necessary. If you would like to change their book more frequently then please let a member of staff know.

Coats and Shoes

A plea really... Could you please help your child to learn how to put their shoes and coat on independently, as we still have a large amount of children across the year group that cannot do this for themselves. We will obviously continue to support those children in class.

Learning Commitments

Every term the children are set learning commitments in Numeracy and Literacy. This term our Numeracy commitment is to:

- 1) count **reliably** up to 20
- 2) find 1 more than any given number up to 20
- 3) find 1 less than any given number up to 20

Literacy is to be able to 'say a sentence'. Knowing what they want to write is key for children when it comes to writing, if they have the idea then they can break up the flow of speech in order to write the sounds down.

Observations

We have begun to send 2 Simple observations home via email. If you have not received any, please let the class teacher know. They will be coming home every two weeks.

Stay and Play Sessions

Please look out for dates for our Stay and Play sessions this term. These will be opportunities to watch and share in your child's learning, exploring and playing, and a chance to look through their Learning Journey.

Regards,

Reception Team