

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. Your child is now half way through their reception year! I hope you had an enjoyable week with your children.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our "Day and Night" topic. They had such a lot of fun learning about nocturnal and diurnal animals and they really engaged when our learning took us into space! We became "Super Scientists" when we made a balloon rocket, and then we "grew a rainbow"! Both experiments gave the children some valuable and memorable learning experiences. We must also not forget our alien visitor which got the children very excited and they are still talking about it and asking if he will visit again!

This half term we will be looking at "People who help us AKA Superheroes-real life and fictional".



We will learn about the people who work in our community or the emergency services. I have arranged for some visitors to come in and talk to the children. The role play is currently a Fire and Police station and the children are loving playing with their friends and acting as Fire Fighters or Police Officers. They have also enjoyed using oil pastels to draw their favourite "real life superhero".

In ELS we are currently finishing assessments and working on review weeks. This means the children aren't being taught new phonemes but instead will continue to develop their skills regarding recognition, and segmenting for blending/spelling. Information regarding the assessments will be provided at Parents Evening. Could you please continue to practise the phonemes in your child's red book as well as sharing the reading/sharing books? A few minutes a day is so beneficial.

Please ensure reading diaries come to school each day and remind your child to hand their diaries and reading books in as soon as they come into class. A small number of children are forgetting to hand in their diaries and this is of course the only way we see messages from you or find out if you would like your child's book changing.

In numeracy this half term we are currently exploring and comparing length and height. We will then continue to look into numbers in depth, compare and represent them as well as developing our conceptual subitising skills. The children are enjoying the time related songs and are often heard singing our maths songs during COOL.

Forest School is, as always, wonderful! The children LOVE their Forest School learning. We really do have an amazing time down there. The joy on the children's faces is quite simply priceless! In Early Years we are so very fortunate to have such a super outdoor area. The children are loving the new climb in sandpit with the diggers and dumper trucks and the enhanced digging area. As you know I love sharing quotes about children and their learning and I thought I would share some outdoor related ones this newsletter.

"The outdoors offers limitless potential to young children. It becomes a place where they can go to relax their mind, to be inspired and to deep dive into the world of imagination. It's a place where they can design, create and explore. The possibilities are endless"

Angela Hanscom

"Play is the highest form of research"

Albert Einstein

Can you help?

Do you have access to any unused paper that the children could have? Do you work for a company who has recently changed it's letter head, a printing company etc. Size etc really does not matter but the children are writing and creating so much in reception we are always very appreciative of paper donations.

Reminders

Please remember our second "Family Fun Session" is Monday 11th March at 2.30 pm. If you have not yet booked to attend but would like to then please contact Mrs Barr in the office.

As there has been a few different snacks brought into school recently, I would like to remind you that the children need to bring fruit for their playtime snack. Also it is important that your child brings in their water bottle every day.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and should you have any queries or worries then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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