



Early Years Newsletter – January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe I am writing the first Spring newsletter! The year is flying by. The children all came back to school excited and happy.

Topic

During this half term our learning will be the topic of 'Day and Night'. We will look at many things including how day and night happen, shadows, nocturnal and diurnal animals.

Reading and writing

In Ready Steady Write we have started our book Juniper Jupiter. The children are really enjoying this story about a little girl who is a superhero who is looking for a side-kick.

In letters and sounds we will be continuing to learn new digraphs. Digraphs are where two letters make one sound such as oa/oi and trigraphs, where three letters make one sound, such as igh/ear and air. These can be particularly challenging. Please keep looking at your child's red phonic book regularly as this greatly benefits your child's reading skills and their confidence. Rhyme plays a huge element of learning to read. Singing nursery rhymes and discussing the rhymes really supports learning as does creating rhyming strings. To create a rhyming string one example is you say two rhyming words e.g "cat, mat" and then ask your child if they can think of two more to make a string. They might then say "bat and fat". It does not matter if the words your child says are not "real" words, so even if "gat" and "zat" is said by your child this is great.

Maths

In maths we will be looking at zero, subitising/conceptual subitising, finding, representing 0 to 5, 1 More/1 less, composition, exploring/comparing capacity, height and mass. We will then move onto finding/representing and the composition of 6, 7 and 8/representing 6, 7 and 8, making pairs, odd and even, doubling, combining 2 groups, talking about time, ordering and sequencing time.

PE

A reminder that our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday and this term we are developing our gym and dance skills.

Looking after property

On a general matter the children are becoming ever more independent which is wonderful. However, we are having a number of issues with lost clothing, in particular hats, scarves and gloves. I am sure you will agree the children must wear these essential winter items but they are not looking after them. There are a great number of children who are just throwing these items onto the floor. Please could you chat to your children about the importance of looking after their property and ensure items are named. Looking after property is one of our school Golden Rules. If





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you wish to sew elastic onto gloves/mittens and keep it threaded through your child's sleeves, please do so. We do encourage the children to put gloves in their pockets and put hats and scarves in their hoods. Any found unnamed items will be taken to the lost property box near the office each evening. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated.

Thank you again for your continued support. Should you have any concerns or queries then please do not hesitate to write a note in your child's Reading Diary or see me personally.

Kind regards

Miss Bowen

Reception Class Teacher

