

Welcome Back and Thank you

We welcome you back after the half term holiday and hope that you enjoyed a peaceful break.

We thank all of you for continuing to support your child's learning during the holidays.

We would like to thank all those families that have so far looked after our class bears, Spencer and star bear. It has been lovely to hear about their adventures with your family. Please do not worry if you have not yet had the chance to host a bear, we follow a class list and every child will have the chance to bring home each bear once during the school year.

We have also been delighted to see all the amazing work the children have done on 3D shapes and it has been great to hear the children talk about the properties of shape, building up their mathematical vocabulary.

We will be continuing to send home the Parent in partnership tasks on a weekly basis and as stated previously, feel free to return these any day of the week so that we can celebrate them at our daily review and celebration time.

Reminders about our Learning Journeys and 'WOWS'

We always have the children's Learning Journeys and Journey in Faith Books readily available for you to share with your child in the mornings. Please take the opportunity to look at these with your child and help them celebrate their achievements. The books also provide you with an insight into the 'next step' opportunities we aim to provide to develop your child's learning in different areas of development.

Similarly, we ensure that WOW slips are easily accessible by the door, so that in the mornings you can complete a slip to celebrate your child's achievements at home. We share these every day at our celebration and review time and it is a wonderful opportunity for children to feel proud of their achievements.

Topic News

After a class discussion, the children have decided that this term they would like to learn about
'Animals.'

We have already started some storytelling activities linked to the story of 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson, and over the coming weeks we will give the children learning opportunities to develop their work on this theme.

If any of you have a job or a hobby linked to animals and their welfare, and would be able to come into the class to talk about their work or interest, please let us know as soon as possible so we can get this organised.

Thank you.

Welly Wednesdays

Every other Wednesday, each child will carry out Outdoor Learning activities in our Forest schools area with Mrs Gardiner. We aim to link this work to animals and their habitats. In preparation for this work, we ask that as the weather changes,

the children bring a pair of named welly boots into school,

which can be kept in named carrier bags on their pegs and will ensure that the children can continue to work outside throughout Autumn and Winter and gain the most from this wonderful learning opportunity.

Nativity News

We are currently deciding upon the Nativity Play that we will be preparing for the reception class to perform. During the next 2 weeks, we will be sending home a letter informing you of the part your child will play and the costume that they will need so please keep checking your child's book bags for this information.

Reception Child and Parents' Meetings

You will have already been informed through Parent Mail of the meetings next Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you along with your child and ask that if your appointment is after school, you try to bring your child with you to the meeting, as it is a wonderful opportunity for us all to celebrate in your child's achievements so far.

Communication

Please remember that if you have a query or concern, the reception team are always available to discuss matters with you, so please do not hesitate to speak to us .
Thank you.

The Reception Team

Mrs Evans
Mrs Roper
Mrs Brown
Mrs Dunning

