

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Children settled brilliantly into our new school and we would like to thank you for your continued support. This term our themes are Once Upon a Time and New Life. During our first theme, we will be reading a range of traditional tales. We will also be learning about Chinese New Year and would like to invite you in to take part in a range of activities linked to this celebration. Our second theme is based around life cycles and how animals and plants grow and change. We are hoping to have a visit to the farm during this topic. If you think you have anything that could help us with our topics, please speak to a member of staff.

Mrs Fawcett & Miss Jemmeson

Our New School

We have really enjoyed exploring our new school!



Outdoor Area

We are currently working to develop our outdoor area. We are looking to create a gardening/planting area and further develop our den building and mark making areas. To resource some of these areas, we are looking for some large planters, plant pots, as well as other gardening resources. If you have anything which could help resource our outdoor area, this would be greatly received.

The children will continue to have regular access to our outdoor area in all weathers. Therefore, we kindly ask that children always bring a waterproof coat with them to school and, when necessary, hats, scarves and gloves.

Magic Moments/Proud Petals

It is very important as your child grows and develops that we share both your child's achievements at home and in school. Our Magic Moments/Proud Petals slips allow us to celebrate your child's achievements and experiences from home. Please find attached some Magic Moments/Proud Petals for you to complete at home when your child does something you would like to share with Reception staff. This could be something they have achieved, such as a sporting certificate, or simply an experience you have enjoyed as a family. We always enjoy listening to the children share their experiences from outside school and these will be a really useful tool to encourage discussion. We would also like to remind you that you can contribute to your child's learning journal through the 2build a profile emails that we send out on a Friday. We look forward to receiving them.



Reading Records

Children have the opportunity to bring home a range of texts, both levelled reading books and free-choice texts.

It is really important for us to know if the children have read the books we send home, and how the children are finding these; please let us know by writing a small comment in their reading record.

Phonics

This term some of the children will be moving onto the Read Write Inc ditty books and storybooks to practise their phonic skills. Children will shortly begin bringing these ditty books home. Please spend some time practising the speed sounds and green and red words at the front of the books before reading the ditty or story.



PE

This term PE will continue to take place on a Tuesday.

On this afternoon, children will work with Ollie on multi-skills activities Emma to develop their gymnastic skills.

Please ensure children have a clearly labelled PE kit in school, and we will send it home at the end of each half-term. We also ask that you continue to encourage your child to dress and undress independently at home to support them in changing for PE sessions.



How can I help my child?

- *Support with recognising and writing Action Words;*
- *Reading with your child, pointing out the key events in a story, discussing details such as the title, author, page numbers etc.;*
- *Playing games such as eye spy to encourage children to discriminate sounds at the start of words;*
- *Counting familiar objects around them;*
- *Recognising and writing numbers 0 -20;*
- *Adding two groups of objects together;*
- *Encouraging self-help skills such as dressing, fastening buttons, zips and shoe laces.*

**** Please remember to inform us of any change in address, telephone number or contact numbers****



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