



## Reception Newsletter Spring 1 2020

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and had some well-earned rest. We are looking forward to a busy and happy term after the holidays. We have put together some useful information for the forthcoming term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask one of the Reception team.

Our topic this term is: 'Wild Things!'

We will be learning about different types of animals, where they live and how they are the same/different to us. We will be reading *Where the Wild things Are*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *Going on a Bear Hunt* and information texts about dinosaurs. As part of the topic we will be walking down to the woods and going on our own 'Bear Hunt', dates to follow about this.

### Reading Books

We are continuing to introduce new letter sounds and ask you to keep up the good work practising them at home and applying them when sharing their reading book or library books – the children are making fantastic progress!

Library books will be changed on Fridays so please make sure book bags are in school on this day as we cannot send a new book without the old one being returned.

Please remember to make a short comment in your child's reading journal once they have read their book or practised their tricky words. It all counts towards gaining their star reader stickers on a Friday and lets us know how your child is progressing with reading at home. If your child is a star reader please put their reading journal in the class tray in the morning.

### Clothing

Please can you make sure that all items of clothing, coats, hats, scarfs, gloves etc are clearly named. Lost items can be found and returned so much easier when the name is clearly visible.

### Wow Moments

These are an opportunity to share your children's achievements at home with your child's class teacher that we might otherwise not hear about. For example, if your child receives a swimming badge, this could be shared with school. These contribute to your child's 'learning journey' that is kept at school. You can write these down on a piece of paper and put them in the class trays or email them directly to us.

### Junk Modelling

Please save old boxes eg toothpaste, kitchen rolls, chocolate boxes, big boxes, etc and give them to your child's class teacher for small and large junk modelling.

### Class Trays

Please remember to place any important information into the class trays in the morning. This should include letters to the teachers, responses to letters, reading books on your child's day and any Tricky Words your child may need changing.

### Outdoor Resources

We are developing our resources for lunchtime. If, after Christmas you are making room for new toys, we would give a good home to any toys or books still in good condition.

### Communication

Should you have any queries or suggestions, please let us know. We are available at the beginning and end of each day or for a longer conversation we will always arrange a time to talk. If you prefer, contact us by email

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