



EYFS Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new year and a new term. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Our first topic is 'What a Wonderful World' then 'Tell me a story' after half term. More details can be found on our website about both of these topics and we welcome children to bring in any information they can find out at home to share with the class.

Tapestry

We are so pleased to see so many parents engaging with Tapestry and we love to see what your children have been up to at home. Please remember to regularly check Tapestry as it is updated frequently and we also use it to post important news and reminders for parents as it is a great communication tool.

School uniform

Just a reminder if your child hasn't already, please ensure that they have a full PE kit in school including a tracksuit and trainers for outdoor sessions. Our PE day is Wednesday. Also, please ensure forest school kits are in school on Thursday and that they contain warm clothing as well as waterproofs and a change of socks. Ducklings will take part in forest school this half term and then Cygnets after half term. This will continue to be on a Thursday. Please also remember that our uniform policy requires children to wear full black school shoes (not black trainers). May we also please ask that you check name labels and re-write if necessary as they fade in the wash. Many jumpers and cardigans end up in lost property and sadly we are unable to reunite them with their owners!

With the transition to year one approaching please encourage your children to be independent, most children can already put on their own coat, we will now be working on zipping them up themselves. It also helps if they can put on and do up their own shoes.

Snacks

We have noticed that some children like to bring a snack from home, please can we request that only healthy snacks are provided (no crisps, chocolate, cake bars or nuts) so that this is in line with our healthy schools policy.

Helping your child at home

We say this every term but **reading** really is the single most important thing that you can do to support your child at home - listen to them read, practise their words, read to them, talk about stories and share books. Try to do something every day, and please record your reading activities in your child's reading record. In school we get to listen to each child once a week to assess how they are doing, your reading at home allows children to practise their skills, this has a huge impact on their progress in all elements of the curriculum.

EdShed

Don't forget your child's EdShed logins are in their reading folders. Games and the decodable ebooks are available to read at your convenience. It is lovely to see how many have been engaging with this at home already.

Things from home

Please do not bring in toys and items from home, the children can become upset if they lose sight of them and they can get lost or damaged.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to the term ahead.

Thank you,

Mrs Horrocks

Mrs Baker

Mrs Hyam