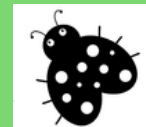




Reception Spring 1 Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,
Happy New Year! We hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday. Many thanks for all of the cards and gifts that you sent in the last week of term. Your kindness is very much appreciated! The last few weeks at school were great fun. We were incredibly proud of Reception for their brilliant efforts in their Christmas Nativity. I'm sure you will all agree that the children were fantastic. We are so excited for the year ahead and have lots of exciting things planned in school this term.

OUR AMAZING WORLD

Our topic this half term is Our Amazing World. This includes learning about winter, the polar regions as well as superheroes! This half term we will be reading stories including; 'The Tale of Jack Frost' 'The Emperor's Egg' and 'Supertato' linked to our topic. We will be finding out about and exploring the changing seasons and learning about the polar regions. We will be looking at maps of where we live and comparing these to the polar regions and learning about the differences. We will also be learning about famous explorers such as Ernest Shackleton.



HOMEWORK

We will be setting weekly homework this half term. Homework will vary each week and may be linked to our topic work in class or aim to support children with their letter formation and handwriting. We would really appreciate your support in spending time with your child each week on these tasks. More information will follow on Tapestry.



PE

Our PE days for this half term can be found below. Please ensure that PE kits are in school all week. Could we also ask that you ensure PE kits are fully named so that lost kit can be returned as quickly as possible.

PE days this half term:

Ladybird Class: Tuesday and Thursday
Honeybee Class: Wednesday and Thursday



READING AND SOUND BOOKS

We have been so impressed with the children's progress with reading already this year. Thank you so much for your support in listening to them read regularly and helping them to learn the sounds and words in their sound books. Your help with this makes a big difference and we really appreciate your support. Please continue to sign your child's reading diary if they have read at home, it is always useful for staff to hear how the children have read at home. This half term we will continue to collect decodable books (reading practice books) on a Monday and send new ones on a Thursday. We will be swapping the reading for pleasure books (sharing books) every Thursday. Although we will only be changing books on a Thursday, please ensure reading books and diaries are in book bags every day so that adults in school can read with your child.

Sound books will be collected every Thursday and be updated for Fridays.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13th-18th January
Balance Bike Road Safety Sessions

20th January
Reception wear red to school for Chinese New Year Celebration

BALANCE BIKE ROAD SAFETY

This half term, Reception children will be taking part in some Road Safety Balance Bike sessions. The children will use balance bikes and work with Bikeability from Newcastle City Council to develop their balance skills and road safety awareness prior to learning to ride a bicycle. We will be using our school balance bikes and helmets so your child does not need to bring any equipment for the sessions. The sessions will take place in school time on the yard between Friday 13th January and Wednesday 18th January.

We would greatly appreciate any donations to Reception from our Reception Wish List. We would like to further develop our provision in our outdoor area and wondered if you could help us by providing any of the items on our wish list. Please let us know if you have some items you feel would be useful.

Spare clothing - School clothing which no longer fits, underwear, tights, socks
Baby dolls, prams and accessories
Spare/Unused dressing up costumes

Reception Wish List

Plastic or wooden crates, barrels, cable drums, fake grass cut offs, plant pots/planters, spare decking planks for our outdoor area.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch either by catching us on the door at home time or ringing/emailing the school office, who will pass on your queries. Alternatively, leave us a message on Tapestry and we will get back to you.

With your continued support, I am sure that we will have another successful and exciting half term ahead of us.

Best Wishes,
The Early Years Team