

# Spring Term in Reception

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been lovely to have all the children back in school after the Christmas break. This letter is to explain some important information for the Spring Term and a few reminders too!

## The Curriculum

In Reception we have 7 equal areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Physical Development, Mathematics, Understanding of the World, Literacy, Expressive Arts and Design

All areas are taught through play based learning

We observe your children through the 'Characteristics of effective learning' which are:

- Playing and exploring (engagement)
- Active learning (motivation)
- Creating and thinking critically (thinking about their own learning)

## Spring term

Our topic this term is 'If you go down to the woods...'. We will start with the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and which will link to maths

- mass and capacity. In maths we will also focus on the numbers 0-10. We will learn other traditional tales such as The Gingerbread Man and Hansel and Gretel.



In phonics we will start to learn the digraphs and continue to build our tricky word knowledge. We will practise writing the sounds we can hear in words to write simple captions. We will continue to upload phonics weekly for you on Seesaw.

In PE, the children will continue with Doodle Dance workshops for the first half term which develop their gross and fine motor skills and then move on to learning about balance. In music the focus will be on music and movement keeping the beat and tempo. As part of Understanding the World, we will learn about people who help us in the school and community.

Children will continue to bring books home – the children are responsible for changing their own story books. Please put Felicity Phonic books with their diaries in the book change boxes by the door when you have read them 3 times at home and they are ready to be changed.

## Outdoor learning/ PE

PE will still be on Wednesdays and Outdoor Learning will still be on Thursdays and will be linked to our current topics.

**Wednesdays** - come in in their **PE kits**, they will also come home in their PE kits

**Thursdays** - come in in their **outdoor learning kit**. Please **bring in school uniform** for them to change into for the afternoon (in a named bag). Outdoor Learning attire: long-sleeved top (protect them from stinging nettles, etc), long trousers/leggings, jumper/coat, waterproofs, wellies/old trainers. Please ensure

that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather and dressed in clothes they can get on and off independently. Also, please ensure that EVERYTHING is labelled. Thank you for your support.





### Drinks and snacks

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school every day, containing **only water**. Your child will be offered a piece of fruit or veg at snack time every day, and they also have the opportunity to have some milk if you have signed up to 'cool milk' which is free for under 5s. More information is on the school website.

Communication is important and we understand that we are unable to have the 1:1 contact on the playground with all parents at drop off and pick up, but please feel free to email us with any question or queries and we will try to respond as soon as possible.

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Don't forget to keep an eye on Seesaw as we will be uploading information, weblinks, notices and photographs regularly!



Thank you for all of your support 😊

The Reception team