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## Nursery and Reception Spring Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas holiday. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school and hear all about their break.

### Autumn Highlights



Thank you all for coming to see the children perform their nursery rhymes and their Nativity Baarmy Bethlehem! We were so proud of their amazing singing and dancing and we're already thinking of what our next performance could be. We were really excited to welcome some of you to our new Family Learning sessions with Sally Sutton on Tuesdays in The Hub. Sally hosts a range of craft activities in the morning and runs some adult learning sessions in the afternoon. This half term, we look forward to seeing more of you for Fun with Phonics which will help you support your child with reading and writing. If you would like to get in touch with Sally you can contact her on 07851 258987 or email at [sally.sutton@york.gov.uk](mailto:sally.sutton@york.gov.uk)

### Spring Topics

This half-term, we are starting a new topic called Amazing Animals. Knowledge Organisers and word mats can be found on Tapestry and the school website. If you are having any trouble logging into Tapestry, please let a member of staff know and we can help you with this. We would love the children to be able to name some of the animals that can be found in the home, on a farm, as well as describing how these environments are the same



and different. After half term, we will be moving onto learning about minibeasts and human growth. We will be naming insects and thinking about what is the same and what is different about them, before thinking about what we need to survive as humans. Our Talk for Write story this term is The Little Red Hen, so expect lots of retelling of this classic.

**Please note that to protect our children the school gates are locked between the hours of 8.30am and 9.05am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm. If you are travelling to school by car during these times, please be aware that you could be locked in the school car park. Please find alternative parking outside the school gates, if required.**



## **PE**

PE will be on a Monday morning. Please send children in their PE kits. As the weather is getting better, we will begin to do some Forest School learning outdoors, so the children will be borrowing waterproof trousers and wellies, but if they would prefer to bring their own in, please send these in named and in a bag. As we will have a focus on outdoor learning, we thought it would be a great opportunity to change our outdoor area, you can see the changes we are making on our Twitter page.

## **Reading at Home**

There are so many of you reading with your child at home; thank you. This has an incredibly positive impact on your child's learning and really helps to create a love of reading. Five minutes each evening is a great way to get into a routine. There are three ways that we encourage reading at home. All children bring home a "Help to Read at Home" book. These are closely matched to their Guided Reading book in school but there may be some sounds and words in this book that your child might need help with. All children should have brought home a login for the Collins e-books. Here, your child can read you a book that they have read during Guided Reading in school. If you don't have a login, please speak to your child's teacher. We will also share the book we have read in school via Tapestry and our Reading Records. Finally, we offer the children the opportunity to bring "Love to Share" books home. These are reading for pleasure books, designed to be shared with an adult or sibling at home.

## **Uniform Reminders**

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to make an effort to look smart and wear the correct school uniform. Children are allowed one small stud in each ear only and hoop/dangly earrings are not permitted. Long hair should be tied back and hair accessories must be small and sit close to the head. Nail varnish should not be worn. Footwear should be plain black school shoes or plain black trainers. More information about uniform can be found on the school website.

## **Tapestry**

Thank you to everyone who uses Tapestry, the learning from each week is posted on there. If you need any help accessing Tapestry, please speak to a member of the team and we will be happy to help. The children also love to share their news from home, so if you would like to put any observations on we would be really grateful.

## **Staffing**

Mrs Green welcomed her baby Autumn before Christmas and we are all hoping they will be able to visit us during spring term when our learning is about babies and human growth. Mrs Tobin has recently had knee surgery and will be absent for the remainder of the academic year, so we will be joined by Miss McIntosh in the Red Room. Welcome to Miss McIntosh and we wish Mrs Tobin a speedy recovery.



Mrs Bootland



Miss Illingworth



Miss Martin



Mrs Turley



Miss Hill



Miss Walker

Thank you for your continued support.  
Kind regards,  
Mrs Bootland,  
Early Years Foundation Stage Leader