



Reception Curriculum Letter

Spring 2020

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year! We have enjoyed hearing so much about your Christmas Holidays from the children, they all seem to have had a great time! Thank you so much for your gift to us. We have enjoyed treating ourselves at the sales!

We really feel the children have had a fantastic first term and are developing as independent learners across the curriculum. Please continue to support us by encouraging the children to do as much for themselves as possible. We ask that you drop them at the classroom door now and that the children sort their water bottles, reading books etc independently.

Now the children are entering their second term we have tweaked the timetable to reflect a slightly more structured curriculum. This term we have set some topic themes. During these first couple of weeks we have been talking about the months of the year and the changing seasons. It has been interesting teaching about the cold Winter in such mild temperatures! We have also been thinking about ice, snow and the arctic regions. Next week we will turn our focus to Chinese New Year, money and restaurants. Ending the half term with a topic about looking after ourselves and others.

If you have books, resources, ideas or experiences that you or your child wish to share on these topics we would love to hear from you. It is great when the children are motivated by a topic and have something special to show. However please recognise this is topic specific! We ask that you ensure children do not bring in "toys" from home. Toys can get lost, broken or cause disputes among the children.

We continue to work with the children's interests too so please do share anything they become particularly engaged in. Please note they continue to have P.E. on Wednesday so will need to come dressed in their PE kit with their school uniform to change into. We remind you they must have plimsolls on Wednesday too.

Thank you so much for your continued support hearing your children read at home. Regular shared reading of their school reading book is incredibly important. Just a reminder that visits to the library, reading to your child, your child observing you reading are very important activities in helping develop a positive, lifelong joy of reading. Multiple studies have shown that reading for pleasure is vital in children's academic success and mental health.

As the term progresses, we will send home the occasional sheet of maths or topic-based activities for you to complete at home. There is no pressure to do so, but it is a good way of helping the children link home and school life.

It is wonderful how many of you are supporting the work we are doing through Tapestry. Your comments, likes and own observations help us to build a true picture of your child which enables us to help them develop in the best way we can at school. The education of your child relies on a strong partnership between yourselves and the school. Please do come and talk to us if you have any comments, concerns or something you wish to share.

Best wishes

The Early Years Team

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