

RECEPTION SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable christmas holiday and that the children are ready to continue having fun learning in Ruby Class. This term the children will carry on working towards achieving the Early Learning Goal set against 7 areas of learning from the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework standards. This newsletter will provide you with a few reminders and some information on the learning that takes place in our classroom.

Our Learning

This half term the book we are focusing our learning on is Biscuit Bear,

(but please don't read this book with your child as we would like them to make predictions later on in the half term).

The book is about a little boy called Horace who bakes a biscuit in the shape of a bear, little does he know that his edible treat is going to turn into Biscuit Bear! For in the middle of the night, when all is quiet, that is exactly what happens, and Biscuit Bear decides that it is time he made some friends of his own. So, with flour, sugar and butter he does just that. In fact, he makes a whole circus of friends and the fun begins ...

To develop all areas of the children's learning we have set up a bakery role play area in the classroom and will be linking this book to our maths lessons., with a specific focus on number and measurement.

Phonics is still an important part of our day in Reception. Each week we learn four new sounds and tricky words. We are now half way through learning our Phase 3 sounds. Please encourage your child/ children to practice their sounds (hearing them in words and writing them) at home as this will greatly benefit the children and support their learning in the classroom.

Our topics for PSHE this term are 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. The children will discuss how it is important to keep trying even when things are tough. As well as the importance of eating a healthy balanced diet.

Contact books/ reading books

The children will continue to bring home contact books each day. We change their reading books every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please read with your child for 10 minutes a night and sign the diary so we know the books are ready to be changed. If you need to keep the book for another night that is fine but please let us know.

PE & Outdoor learning

Reception have PE on a Wednesday. Please make sure that your child has a named PE kit for this day. This includes a coloured t-shirt for their house group, shorts/trousers, trainers or plimsolls. This term we will be introducing gymnastics to the children.

As we have a free flow classroom to the outdoor area, please ensure you bring in wellies and overalls/waterproofs for your child. As we would like to keep the amount of mud to a minimum on their school uniform!

Library

On a Friday children will have an opportunity to choose a book from the library to take home. These need to be returned by the following Friday in order to check out a new book.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Miss Emerton and Miss Bignold