

Welcome back to Term 2 I hope you had a restful half term.

This term will be thinking about celebrations, learning about special events. We will also be thinking about seasonal changes, looking at what happens to trees in Autumn and thinking about other seasonal changes that happen. Perhaps you could look out for seasonal changes when you are out and about.

The children are also encouraged to challenge themselves through their play, to have their own ideas, to make decisions about how to do things, to explore the world around them, have a go, concentrate and keep trying. Child's interests also drive the planning.

Reception Newsletter

Term 2

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PE

This term our PE day is **Thursday**. It is important that your child has a PE kit in school on that day. PE kits should be brought in a suitable named bag. The PE kit consists of:

- A white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Daps or trainers

Please make sure that all these items are named.

To help your child please let them have a go at getting dressed and undressed independently at home.

Reminders

Please ensure that **all** uniform is named. We have an expanding pile of jumpers which are not named.

Please send your child to school in sensible black shoes which they can do up independently – **not laces**.

As we plan to use the forest area please ensure that your child has a pair of **named** wellies in school.

Please send your child to school every day with a named water bottle containing water. They can refill if necessary.

Packed Lunches

Eating well is important. Children need to eat well as it will give them energy and nutrients to grow and develop, be healthy and active. A healthy, enjoyable packed lunch gives children the energy they need to learn and play at school. Packed lunches should not contain an excessive amount of chocolate or sweet items. **Please remember that we are a nut free school and that some chocolate spreads may contain nuts.**



Focus Books

Leaf Man

Tree; Seasons Come Seasons Go

What Can You See in Autumn?

Kipper's Birthday

The Big Book of Celebrations

The Nativity Story



Reading

This term your child will be bringing home a decodable phonics book. The books your child is given to read are phonetically decodable books. These will contain words made up of the sounds that they are confident in using and applying. This means the books are 'decodable' by your child because they have learnt the 'code' – the letters and sounds that make up the words in their reading book.

If your child can read the book well, that doesn't mean the book is too easy. It is important they get plenty of practice reading words containing the letters and sounds they have learnt. Celebrate their achievement with them – reading success is important in building their confidence and enjoyment.

Don't let your child struggle too much – if they are really stuck with a word, sound it out for them quickly so that they can hear the word. Plenty of praise when they succeed will help them to keep going.

Don't ask your child to use the pictures to guess the words. Pictures can provide great opportunities to talk about what is happening in a story, but it's important that your child doesn't become dependent on them to read.

Read back each sentence or page to your child to ensure they have understood.

When your child has read the book, talk about it together.

Please remember to record any reading in the reading record.

Reading books need to be in school every day.

Drop off and Collection Times

Drop off Monday-Friday 8:35am-**8:40am**

Collection Monday-Thursday 3.15pm

Collection Friday 1pm

It is really important that you collect your child on time at the end of day as they can become upset and anxious if left waiting. Please contact the office if for some reason you are delayed or if someone other than yourself is not collecting your child.

Tapestry

We love to hear about your child's triumphs at home – especially linked to family events or new skills they master. Don't forget you can also login and look at what your child has been doing in school and comment on their learning.

This short video explains how you can upload observations to your child's account:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=espJ96TJHV8>