



January 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the spring term! We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and are ready for a very busy term! Please make sure you check letters, boards and the school website for dates as there will be a lot going on. A good tip is to take a photo of the notice boards.

Attached to this letter are details of some of the things your child will be learning over the next term. Our topic this term will be **We are Storytellers**, where we will look at books (traditional, new, fiction and non-fiction), authors and hopefully get swept away in books and stories!

With regards to the building works, we are luckily fairly unaffected by all the work and will remain in our little bubble. What will change is how and where we drop off and collect. Our session times will not alter as we are legally bound to 3 hours. Drop off will still be at 12.30pm at the usual front door. At the end of the session, pick up will be through the new gate and into the back door. There will be no member of staff on the gate as we will be manning the door and supporting the children on the carpet. The new gate will be open from 3.10 as Reception have a soft ending. Our Nursery session will finish at 3.25pm, so please do be patient and try resist looking through the windows etc as this will distract the children. As per the main school letter, we request that you please make sure that you pick your child up from Nursery before you go and collect any siblings. Should you have any younger siblings with you, and post collection, please bear in mind that the garden is an outside classroom for us and will often be set up with activities that we do not have time to prepare during the session but need ready for the children. As tempting as it is for them, please do not allow your children to play with the resources. We will also remind the children that they should not be going on the climbing frame before or after school.

If there have been any childcare changes since last term please let us know as soon as possible. For your child's safety we can only let them go with yourselves or others you have informed us of so please take the time to let us know if someone else is collecting or if any phone numbers have changed. If circumstances change on the day please remember to call the school office as soon as possible so they can get a message over to us. Do call the school when your child is absent.

Please make sure **ALL** items of uniform/clothing are clearly labelled with your child's full name. This also includes hats, gloves and scarfs and coats. Also remember we go outside in all weathers, even snow, so your child needs to come into Nursery dressed appropriately.

Snack money for this half term remains £1.00 per week, £6.00 for the half term or £12.00 up until Easter. The preferred method of payment for snack money is school Gateway. If you are still paying by cash please make sure the money is in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and amount clearly written on it. We appreciate the prompt payment of snack money.

As per the weekly note, we are going to focus on a number a week. During these sessions we will look at the numeral, the array, the fingers, the amount of objects etc. Please look out for these numbers in everyday places e.g. dice, registration plates, door numbers, prices and encourage children to count objects and actions.

Acorn Afternoon

Please continue to return sound books every **Monday**, ready for the new sound to be added. A reminder to please name any items your child brings in for the sound table and to support them using the pure phoneme when searching for objects.

Phonics continues to be on a **Monday** and the order of sounds for this term is:

Week beginning	Phoneme
7 th January	revision
13 th January	i
20 th January	n
27 th January	m
3 rd February	d
10 th February	revision
17 th February	Half term
24 th February	g
2 nd March	o
9 th March	c, k, ck
16 th March	revision
23 rd March	e
30 th March	revision

As you may be aware throughout the year we compile a Learning Journey for your child. This evidences their progress in Nursery and how we help your child's development. A very important feature of your child's journey is how we work together, with you, to help your child. This is going to be a focus area for us in Nursery for the rest of the year. In the cloakroom there are always stickers available for you to complete a 'special moment' from home. This can be anything from learning or demonstrating something new, to a family day out or celebration. Please do try and complete these stickers when you can. This half term we will endeavour to send home notes on what we have been working on in class. We call these 'next steps'. Please try and support us by working on the next step with your child at home and then updating us on how they got on. It is okay if children don't get their next step immediately, every step forward is progress and worth celebrating!

If your child is hurt at home or on the way to school, please could you fill out a pre-existing injury sheet (yellow sheets on the inside notice board). This is to help us ascertain whether the children have had a knock at school and also makes us aware of any discomfort they may be experiencing.

Finally, some reminders of dates for the rest of this term:

Friday 15 th February	SA Cake Sale
Friday 13 th March	Book Fair (until Wed 18th)
Tuesday 24 th March	Parents Consultations (main school hall)
Thursday 26 th March	Parents Consultations (main school hall)
Thursday 2 nd April	Last Sessions – Term Ends

School closed for half-term: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Foster and Miss Cannon.