

## Reception Newsletter Spring 2023

### Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you all had a healthy and restful break during the Christmas holiday and that the children are looking forward to another busy and exciting term!

The routine of the day remains the same as last term. We start at 9am and finish at 3.20pm, with Reception having their lunch at 11.30am.

For snack in the morning, we provide the children with a piece of fruit and we keep their snack from home for the afternoon. Of course if they would prefer, you can send a morning and afternoon snack for your child. We would request, however, that snacks consist of one healthy item, such as fruit or a cereal bar (no nuts please!) and that any containers are clearly named.

Under 5 year olds are also offered free milk.

### The topics this term for Reception will be **Off We Zoom!** and **Come Outside!**

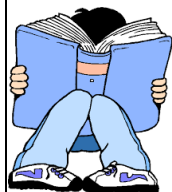
Please see the Reception topic web for information about each subject.



### Book bags and home reading



We will continue to change reading books **every Wednesday**, if they have read both books twice and this has been recorded in their Home School Journal. The children are expected to read at home every day, so it would normally take about a week to read two books. Please also spend time talking about the books that your child has read to you, as this is a very important part of developing their reading comprehension.

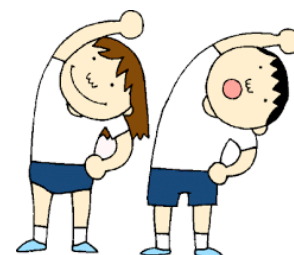


Please send your child to school with their book bag every day, containing their Home School Journal and their reading books, so that your child can read their current books to us as well.

We are constantly reassessing the Children in Reception to ensure that they are reading books at the right level for them. The key to this is to know the sounds they have been taught in phonics and to be able to independently blend them together to read words.

### PE Session

This term, the children in Ash will continue to have their PE session on **Mondays**. For Oak class, their PE session will be on **Tuesdays**. When possible, this will take place outside, but if the weather is too wet or cold, they will have their lesson inside, so the children will need a white t-shirt, black shorts, tracksuit bottoms / leggings, a sweatshirt and trainers in their PE kit. Please remember that they will be outside for an hour during their PE lesson, so their clothing needs to be warm enough for this. Please ensure their clothes are **named** to help us match up any leftover clothes at the end of the session.



## Forest Schools



In addition, Ash class will have their turn at the Forest School sessions on, starting after half term. You will receive a separate letter about this nearer the time. Forest school for Oak class will be during the summer term.

## Lost Property

Please make sure that all items of clothing are named. Any lost items we find will be put in a lost property box in our cloakroom.

## Outdoor Clothing

Your child will have brought their indoor shoes home at the end of the Autumn term, so please ensure that these have been returned. Wellies can be kept at school and stored in our outdoor area.

Many of the children are bringing gloves, scarves and hats to school. Please write your child's name in these, so that we can return any unclaimed items to the correct child.

## Homework

Thank you for your support with homework over the past term. Engaging with the homework tasks consolidates the children's learning each week and it is a great way to encourage your child to talk about what they have been doing at school.

Tasks will be set on Google Classroom every Friday. Please watch the homework video before completing the homework tasks and ensure that your child's homework book is returned by **Wednesday** each week.



## Parent consultations

Parent consultations will take place at end February / beginning of March and you will receive more details about these nearer the time.

If you have any questions before then, please speak to us at the beginning or end of the day. Alternatively, you can email me:

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Best wishes,

The Reception Team