

# Early Years Newsletter

## Spring 1 ~ 2017

We would like to wish you a Happy New Year and welcome you back to the Spring Term.

### What we're doing this term in Nursery ~

- The children will explore their outdoor environment and the wider environment of the school in more depth as they learn about winter and encounter 'magical' experiences in the forest following our story of 'Freddie and the Fairies'.
- The children will be given the opportunity to build upon their 'counting' knowledge of number and begin to group and compare different numbers of objects. They will continue to become more familiar with numerals and exactly what they mean.
- The children will go on their own 'Bear Hunt' in the forest as they retell the story through actions
- The children will explore music, sound and rhyme through fun stories and the environment
- We will start 'project' based learning where the children will have opportunities to build clay sculptures to enhance their interests over a long period of time

### What we're doing this term in Reception ~

- The children will explore the outdoor environment and the world around us through the theme of 'Magical Adventures'.
- The children will hear stories about many different characters and settings. They will discuss, write about, draw and create different story maps and adventures.
- The children will set up different story worlds to investigate mathematical problems. They will begin to explore aspects of measure and develop an understanding of addition and subtraction.
- The children will experience working with a variety of materials as they make models and explore a range of creative tasks

### Things to remember in Nursery ~

- Please look at your child's Tapestry account regularly and talk to them about what they have been doing in Nursery.
- Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Please remember that your child's spare clothes bag can stay at Nursery on their peg unless your child has had an accident during the day.

- Please remember to be on time when bringing your child to Nursery and picking them up.
- Please remember to empty your child's book bag **daily** and send all letter replies and forms back as soon as possible.
- Please continue to read and fill in the Home-School books with any relevant information.
- Please start to send in the 'WOW' stars to keep us updated with any 'WOW' moments your child has so that we can celebrate them in school.
- Please remember to send all money and payments directly to the school office.

### Things to remember in Reception ~

- Please continue to learn all sounds and tricky words and practise reading and blending every night.
- Please continue to follow your child's learning journey through Tapestry. We would welcome your comments.
- Please ensure all items of school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. This includes PE kit too.
- As the weather changes please **do not** walk across the grass in the morning as the children get very muddy shoes which they bring into the classroom and then have to sit on a muddy carpet all day.
- Please note that if children need to bring in a drinks bottle it must be **water**.

### Dates for your diary ~

#### Nursery ~

- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February ~ First Stay and Play Session at 9am
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January ~ Reports
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March ~ World Book Day
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March ~ Parents' Evening

#### Reception ~

- Swimming to start this term ~ please see letter with dates.
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January ~ Reports
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March ~ World Book Day
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March ~ 'Jumptastic' trip ~ details to follow
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March ~ Parents' Evening

**Please do not hesitate to come and ask if there are any concerns or questions that you have and thank you for your continued support.**









