



Dear Parents and carers,

We have had a fantastic start this half term and have enjoyed finding out the exciting things children did during the half term. We are writing to you to give you some more information about what to expect in Reception during this half term.

Our Curriculum

As a school we provide an exciting and engaging curriculum for all our children. This half-term our theme is **Terrific Tales!** Our themes for the year and our long term plan can be found on the school website.

PE

Children will have weekly PE sessions. This term we will have PE on a **Thursday** with Mr Ellis, our PE specialist. This half term children will be required to change into their PE kits. They will need a full PE kit consisting of a white or red t-shirt and black or blue shorts. Children do not need trainers this half term due to lessons taking place in the school hall. Feel free to also include leggings/tracksuit bottoms and a warm jumper as the weather gets colder. Please ensure everything is clearly named. For ease, PE kits can be left in school for the half term. If your child wears earrings, please remove or cover them before school as staff are not able to support them to do this. Please can all long hair be securely tied up to avoid any accidents.

As a school we are trying to do our bit for the planet and recycle and reuse wherever possible. In school we have a uniform cupboard full of pre-loved items. If you need any additional uniform or PE kit please phone the office or catch us on the door.

Phonics and Reading

In Reception children continue to have daily phonics and reading practice sessions. To help you support your child's learning at home, we will be sending home a small sheet each Friday detailing what we have covered.

In school reading practice books will be changed weekly. This book will be available to read the following week on our online reading platform, Collins eBooks. We will stick log in details on children's reading records.

As the year progresses, children will also bring home an additional book to read. This can be read and changed as regularly as they wish.

As a school we promote a love of reading and encourage you to enjoy books regularly at home.

Library

Children will visit our Big Red Reading Bus weekly. We will have a whole class story time on the bus, as well as allowing another opportunity for children to choose and borrow their own book. These visits will take place on a Thursday. Please remember to bring your library book on this day.

Weekly Newsletters

As always Mrs Clark and Mrs Stubbs will continue to write weekly newsletters to keep you up-to-date with all the exciting things happening in school. To reduce our paper use and do our part for the planet, these will be emailed out every Friday. Please contact the office if you are not receiving them.

These newsletters also include important upcoming dates that you need to be aware of so please take the time to check them weekly.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams, Miss Withers and the rest of the EYFS team



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