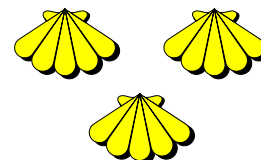


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## Spring 2022 Newsletter

### Year R - Red Class

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back. We hope you all had a happy and healthy Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year.

Please continue to send your child in with a water bottle each day as, with current restrictions, this is the safest way we can ensure your child has access to water all day. Only fill the water bottle with plain water please as any other drinks will be replaced in line with our Healthy School policy. Bottles should have a sports type cap (no bottles where the lid comes completely off please).

Accidents often occur for many reasons in class so it would be helpful if all children could continue to have a full change of clothes that will remain in school for the half term (clearly labelled and in a separate bag please).

Our work in Reception continues to be based around stories and topics that reflect the children's interests. The first book we will be exploring is 'Some Dogs Do' by Jez Alborough. Learning in most areas of the curriculum will be linked to this text.

The children are making good progress with their phonics and reading - thank you for your support with this at home. Phonics and reading are essential foundation blocks for future learning and those children that regularly revisit the phonics/key words and read daily will undoubtedly achieve better in all areas of learning. We will continue to have daily phonics sessions targeted to the phase your child is currently working at. Please refer to the reading and phonics power point sent at the beginning of the Autumn Term for information on the phonics phases.

In class, your child will continue to take part in guided reading sessions with an adult twice a week - focusing on various reading skills, including fluency and expression. It is important that children continue to practise their reading skills with an adult at home, preferably for 10 minutes each day. When reading with your child, please do not read the book for them but help them to talk about the pictures and identify the words using their sounds and quick recall of key words. It is really important that you talk about the book with your child; finding things in the pictures, predicting



what might happen next, talking about favourite characters or parts of the story, etc. Also, enjoy reading other stories to your child - bedtime stories are a great way of developing a love of reading and their reading skills. As last term, books can be changed on a **Monday and a Thursday** - please put your child's **book and reading record** in the box to assist us in this. Should you miss one of the changing days, please be reminded that your child has access to books online through Bug Club (the log in detail of which can be found in the front cover of your child's reading record). This term, we will also have an increased focus on writing and handwriting skills. The children will be encouraged to use their phonic sounds to break down words to spell them and will learn to spell the key words they have learnt to read from memory.

In Maths the children will be continuing to develop their skills and understanding when working with numbers to 10, and then beyond. They will be exploring numbers and objects by making comparisons and grouping them according to different attributes. They will break down numbers into separate parts and build an understanding of simple addition and subtraction. In developing their spatial awareness, the children will explore and develop a range of mathematical language related to position, direction and routes.

Our PE lesson will remain on a Tuesday. PE kits need to be brought into school as soon as possible. The children are great at changing independently now, but not so good at putting their items back in their own bags! It would be a huge help if you could ensure that all of your child's PE kit is **clearly labelled** so that they can be returned quickly if they get mislaid. For health and safety reasons no earrings should be worn on PE days please.

Hopefully this letter will contain much of the information you need. If you have any concerns you can drop a note in the box by the gate in the mornings or phone the office to arrange a mutually convenient time for a discussion.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Monk

Class Teacher

