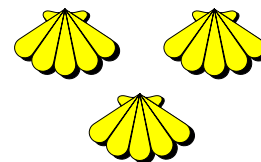


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## Spring Newsletter

Reception - Red Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful and relaxing Christmas break.

Our learning this term will continue to take place through topics which are chosen with the children, and these will change and evolve depending upon the children's interest. We will be starting the term with the topic 'Once upon a time'. Through this topic will be exploring and reading traditional story books such as 'The Gingerbread Man', 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' and 'Little Red Hen'. They will be developing their understanding of the world by looking at familiar settings in stories, such as farms, and discuss how they have changed from past to present. We will continue to explore the natural world around us and discuss the changing seasons. Through our RE topic this term, we will focus on people and communities from different cultures and how they help others through their religions. Woven through our stories of interest, we will begin to develop our cooking skills starting with some yummy gingerbread men! Finally, woven into our expressive arts and design curriculum, we will begin to explore paint and painting techniques through nature, music and collaborative work and developing creativity through child-led exploration of mixed-media and making collages. We will also continue to work on our '50 Things Challenge', how are you doing with the challenges at home? We will see if we can play hide and seek, paint and create as much as we can, play make believe, and be who you want to be: a spaceman on the moon or a knight in a castle, go out in the rain and jump in puddles and balance on a log. Have a look at our planning grid on the school website to see the other challenges planned.

In English we will continue to develop the children's phonic knowledge and are now focusing on developing their writing. We will send home separately the sounds they will be learning this term. The children have a good knowledge of sounds and have been using these to write as part of our phonics' sessions. They also have a bank of words that they can read by sight - these are displayed in the classroom and the children will be supported in using these effectively to develop their writing skills. As last term, our emphasis will be developing the children's confidence in using their sounds to spell words, not focusing too much at this point on the accuracy of their attempts. We encourage children to 'have a go' when writing words and help them to sound out words for themselves rather than tell them the correct spelling every time. Letter formation continues to be a focus and the children will now begin to have daily handwriting sessions to help develop this.

In Maths, we will be continuing to look at the composition of numbers to 10 including subitising and early addition and subtraction skills. Mixed in with these topics we will look at length, height, time, mass and



capacity then finally some understanding of 3D shape. We follow the White Rose scheme that uses both adult directed activities alongside child led ones.

Our PE lessons will be on a **Tuesday and a Wednesday** this term. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week and that all items are clearly labelled so that they can be easily returned if they go missing. For health and safety reasons no earrings are permitted for PE activities. Please remember to remove them on these days.

The children will continue to bring books home to share with you. Please continue to support them with their reading for approximately 10 minutes each day and make a note in their reading diary. If there was anything your child found tricky whilst reading, please also make note of this in their reading diary - these are checked weekly, and we can then follow up any concerns with your child. The children should be recognising the tricky words that we have learnt, and they should be using their phonics to work out other words in the text. The phonic sounds and tricky words we have looked at so far will be sent home. As last term, reading books and library books will be changed on a Friday. Please also continue to read bedtime stories to your child.

Just few reminders, the children will continue to receive free fruit or vegetable each day at snack time. There is also the opportunity for the children to have a carton of milk - please see the office if you are interested in this as once they turn 5 you will need to pay. Those children not having milk should bring in a clearly labelled bottle containing **water only** please, they are of course all allowed to drink this throughout the day. Please be aware that we will encourage the children to have a snack and drink each day, but we do not insist on this. When sending your child to school, please ensure they are wearing black school shoes only. Finally, we love to extend our learning outside and try to ensure we are outside every day so please ensure your child brings into school appropriate outdoor wear - hat/scarf/gloves etc. They are welcome to leave a spare set in school.

If you need any support or additional information at any time, please send an email to the main office to arrange an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support,

**Mrs Pavett**

Red Class Teacher

