

Reception Term 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term and managed to find some fun activities to do together despite the rain! This is another exciting and busy term with lots of fun learning opportunities for the children.

'Julia Donaldson, The World Around Us and People Who Help Us'

The children will be covering all seven areas of the EYFS curriculum. The topic is a continuation from Term 3 where we used The Gruffalo as a focus for our learning. We have started this term with the book 'Everywhere Bear' By Julia Donaldson. The children are very excited about taking home Everywhere Bear this term. From Monday 2nd March each night the children will take turns to bring it home. We would like the children to complete a dairy page with a picture/photograph of them enjoying some food together. It could be their favourite food or a new food.

To support our learning about '**People Who Help Us**' we need your help. If you are able to support by talking to the children about your role as a vet, nurse, dentist, fireman, police officer do please see your child's class teacher as we would love to involve you in the children's learning.

To support with our learning about '**The World Around Us**' we are going to be looking at living things, growing and changing and about decay. As part of this topic we are asking for a £2.00 voluntary contribution towards buying herbs and other resources for our growing topic. This is set up on Parent Pay. Your support is greatly appreciated with this contribution. If you can offer any herbs please do let us know.

Housekeeping requests

- Please can you ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school. They will need plain blue shorts, a Christ Church navy PE T-shirt. Please can all items be clearly labelled with your child's name, as they all look the same!
- Please can you also ensure that your child has a named water bottle daily. This is really important so the children can access water at all times during the school day. This will need to go home to be cleaned and refilled each evening and then brought back to school in the morning.
- Please can you also ensure that your child's reading books are brought to school **daily** in their book bags in order to allow us to read with them during the day. We would suggest just keeping them in your child's book bag and always keeping them in the book bag at home.

Physical Development

- On Monday the children will be continuing with yoga. Please do log on to Parent Pay to give permission and pay the voluntary contribution. We do rely on this to ensure we can run the planned yoga sessions.
- On Friday the children will be getting changed for PE. This will be an indoor PE session and the children will not need daps or trainers.

Other information

- The 'Show and Tell' rota went home at the end of Term 3. The focus is on books. Please let us know if you did not get a rota or have misplaced it.
- Please review sounds each day. The sounds we have learnt are on the class pages of the website. Please also support your child with reading the sight words. This support is invaluable and is needed to ensure your child makes progress and is able to achieve the GLD in reading at the end of the year.

- Cooking will continue this term on a Wednesday, starting on Wednesday 4th March. If you can offer help on a Wednesday afternoon please see us. We only need one helper from each class each week. Thanks

How to support with reading and writing meeting

On Wednesday 1st April at 9am Mrs Richardson will be running a workshop about reading and writing and how to support at home. In this meeting we will share what children need to be able to do to meet the end of year assessments in reception to help prepare them for year 1. The PowerPoint will be added to the class pages after the meeting for those who cannot attend.

Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 4 th March	Spiny Lobster Visit to school for children to learn about the fish in our oceans
Wednesday 4 th March	Yellow Lighted Book Shop Visit to School. Parents invited to visit the bookshop at school pick up (see letter sent and Parent Pay set up for library contributions.
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day - Children come to school with a prop or dressed as a character from any of Julia Donaldson's books. (see letters on the website in Term 3)
Thursday 12 th March	RRP Library Trip. Leave at 1.30pm. please let us know if you can help
Friday 13 th March	Sports Relief - main school newsletter will confirm details
Wednesday 18 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 19 th	RVA Library Trip. Leave at 1.30pm. Please let us know if you can help
Thursday 19 th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 1 st April	9am - 9.30am 'How to support with reading and writing' meeting.
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter Service at the Church 10am

Thanks for your continued support,

Foundation Stage Team