

Spring Term

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and would like to thank you for your Christmas cards, presents and good wishes.

We are excited to start a new term with the children, and hope that they are just as excited to come back to school!

New Faces

We will be welcoming Miss Power to our Reception team. She will now be working with us full time. You will also see Miss Haynes, who is a first year teaching student from the University of Greenwich. The children will be getting to know her as she spends time with us during the next two terms.



Topics

As we did in the Autumn Term, we will always aim to tailor our learning activities to match the children's interests as much as possible. We will also plan topics according to the time of year. This term, our topics will include Chinese New Year, the Winter Olympics, Spring and Easter.



Literacy

We will be reading a variety of stories and non-fiction texts. Usually, our activities will be based around our topics. A variety of writing opportunities, both adult led and child initiated, will be available each week. Reading books will be still be changed on a Tuesday in Miss Hinde's class and Wednesday in Mrs Dakin's class. **Please sign in the contact book when you have shared the book with your child.**

We also like to read comments about your child's reading, either in contact books or on Tapestry. Library books will continue to be changed on a Tuesday for Miss Hinde's class and Thursday for Mrs Dakin's class. Phonics will continue to be taught every day with homework sent home on Fridays, to be completed and returned by the following Thursday.

Maths

We will be continuing to focus on reading, writing and ordering numbers to 20, comparing objects by weight, length and capacity and on developing the children's problem solving abilities in practical situations. Please continue to reinforce recognition of numbers from 0-20 and beyond with your child at home.



PE

Please can you ensure that all uniform and P.E. kit is labelled clearly with your child's name. In addition to P.E. lessons, we will be providing the children with a variety of activities to develop their fine and gross motor skills throughout the week. Mrs Dakin's class will do PE on Tuesdays and Miss Hinde's class on Wednesdays.

Show and Tell

This will continue as before. We love to see things the children have made at home, or items of interest from outings etc. Toys are not allowed to be brought to school. Adding photographs to Tapestry for the children to talk about always gives them a useful starting point and is something lots of the children have already enjoyed doing. A reminder about groups: Monday – Red, Tuesday - Blue, Wednesday – Green, Thursday - Purple, Friday - Orange. Please could you provide your child with ONE item to talk about each week.

If your child is generally quiet or shy, it is a good idea to talk about what they could say to the rest of the class the night before their Show and Tell day.

Warm Clothes

Now that the winter weather seems to have set in, could you please provide your child with a hat, scarf and gloves (all named). We allow children to use the outdoor area in all weathers and it is important that they (and we) can find their warm clothing.

If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to come and see us after school. If you need to communicate anything urgently to us in the morning, please either put it in writing or let the ladies in the office know so that they can pass information on to us.

Mrs Dakin and Miss Hinde

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