



January 2022

Dear Parents,
Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful and restful holiday and we wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Nursery and Reception Together!

As you will be aware, the Nursery and Reception have come together to form one base, working from the existing Reception classrooms and the large Reception Garden. The staff have worked together this week to develop the classroom environments and lots of changes have happened in both rooms. The children have settled brilliantly into the new routine and we are sure that they will flourish in the new environment.

This Half Term's Topic:

This half term our topic will be **Earth and Beyond.**



Over the course of the next few weeks, we shall be exploring different habitats, including the forest. We shall be finding out about the animals that live and the way that humans use, and can help each environment. We shall then move off into space, learning the names of the planets and finding out about space exploration.



Each week, we will be focusing on a traditional tale or well-known children's story and will have lots of opportunities for the children to tell and make up their own stories.

For further information please see the Curriculum Overview, which is attached to this newsletter.

Reading:

Reading books will continue to be changed on **Wednesday** for both Nursery and Reception.



Please ensure that you have signed your child's red reading log so that we know your child has read at home. If the reading log is not signed, we cannot change the books.

If you require any support or ideas for reading at home with your child, please speak to a member of the Foundation Stage Team. A video of Mr Lacy's reading workshop is also available on the school website, as well as a video of the Phonics Workshop.

PE:

PE will take place on **Tuesday for Nursery and Thursday for Reception.**



Nursery children should come to school in suitable shoes and comfortable clothing, which is easy to move about in.

Reception children should have their PE kits in school. This comprises:



a white t-shirt, black shorts and black plimssoles.

Please ensure that your child has shorts and not leggings, as our focus this half term will be gymnastics. Earrings must be removed.

Clothing:

Please ensure that **ALL** items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name, including their coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

Homework and Google Classroom:

Homework will be set on a weekly basis via Google Classroom. It will be set on **Wednesday** and should be completed by the following **Tuesday**.



Google Classroom

Please continue to send in photos and videos of your children's experiences outside of school. We love seeing what they have been doing and the children love sharing them with their friends.

If you require any assistance with Google Classroom, please speak to a member of the Foundation Stage Team.

Show and Tell:

Children are welcome to bring in a small toy or object that they would like to share with their friends on **Friday**. Please encourage your child to think about what they would like to say e.g. where they got it from, who gave it to them, why they like it.

Dates for your diary:

- 20th January – Curriculum Enrichment Day (more details to follow)
- 27th January – Year 2's St Paul Assembly in the Church
- 8th February – Parents Internet Safety Workshop
- 11th February – mufti day – children come in home clothes
- 14th - 18th February – Half Term – school closed
- 21st February – INSET Day – school closed to pupils

If you have any questions or require any further information, please speak to a member of the Foundation Stage Team or email us via the School Office.

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Many thanks,

Miss Hassan, Miss Weeks, Mrs Ezame and Mrs Riley

The Foundation Stage Team