Spring Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a great Christmas break and are feeling refreshed for this coming term. It was nice to see all of the children for the start of term and to hear what they got up to, as well as the array of presents they received!

Reminders

The gate will be closed promptly at 8:50am with any late arrivals needing to be registered at reception. Drop off and pick remain through the Nursery playground. Upon entry, children will hang coats and bags on their pegs, place their reading books and records in the tray, and put lunchboxes and water bottles in their usual places.

Please continue reading with your children every day and recording it in their reading records. Phonics Home Learning (Reception and Year 1) and Spellings (Year 1) will continue to be sent home on Fridays. Please can children bring their Home Learning book in on a Thursday so it can be checked and updated.

Sports club is available for all children in Starfish Class and is after school on Mondays, Art club is also available for Rec and Year 1 on a Thursday after school (available to book on ParentPay).

Curriculum

In **Literacy**, we will be looking at traditional tales, moral stories, and letter writing. Each week, we will alternate between these genres so the children are getting a range of stories and authors.

In **phonics**, we will be continuing with our Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme. Both Reception and Year 1 have been making good progress with this. As mentioned above, we will be sending home the sounds that they have been learning throughout the week in their Home Learning books. Regular practice of these at home will really benefit your child’s progress.

In **maths** this term, Reception are working with numbers between 0-5. We will look at comparing different numbers and how to compose them in a range of ways. As we progress into the term, we will be looking at mass and capacity. Year 1 are looking at place value and understanding the composition of numbers between 0-20.

For this half term, children in Starfish Class will be doing **cooking on Thursday afternoons** rather than Forest School. For this, could children please come in with a clean food tub so that when we make something, they are able to transport it home.

**PE** will take place on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoons each week. Your children can **come to school in their PE kits** as this saves time and means they have more time taking part in the activities.

During **topic** lessons this half term, we will be focussing on geography and science. In geography, we will be looking at geographical and map skills. For science, we will focus on ‘everyday materials’, their properties, and how to classify them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to me on the door or email me.

Mr Hogben and the EYFS/Year 1 Team