

Foundation Stage Newsletter Spring Term 2023



Tannery Drift
First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our families after the Christmas break. We hope you have all had an enjoyable time with family and friends and are pleased to see all the children's enthusiasm for the new term. All the Early Years staff in both Nursery and Reception would like to say a big thank you for your kind Christmas wishes and gifts; they are very much appreciated!

Topics and Themes

Across Early Years we will follow the children's interests and plan themes and activities around these. Seasonal topics will include Chinese New Year, Easter and changes in weather, with the children developing their knowledge through stories and enhancements within their play.

Ladybirds will also see a focus on people who help us, number recognition and ordering time using words, such as now/next/then. There will also be lots of opportunities, through play, to experience rhythm and rhyme as well as during regular phonics group sessions.

Red Robins and Little Tigers will explore the local area through maps and aerial photographs, and the local history will be discussed using the children's scrap books, local photographs and stories. They will also develop confidence to recall number bonds of different amounts and shape will be explored to develop awareness of space and how shapes can change or be combined to make new shapes.

Winter wear

Please be reminded that all children need to have a pair of named wellies that remain at school. The outside area is accessed in all weathers and children need to be appropriately dressed for the conditions.

Our garden is extremely muddy due to all the wet weather, so children are welcome to bring in named waterproof trousers or all in one suits.

It is a good idea to make sure that all gloves, scarves and hats are labelled.

Attaching gloves to string which runs through the arms of your child's coat prevents them getting lost or misplaced!

PE kits

Reception, please continue to come in wearing PE kit on a Thursday.

Ladybirds do not need PE kit.

Library

The Little Tigers and Red Robins will continue to borrow library books to share at home and further enhance the children's love of reading. Please ensure they are returned each Tuesday so a new book can be selected.

Spare clothes

Thank you to all those parents who have provided their child with a change of underwear and clothing in case of accidents. Any spare items will be gratefully received.

Tapestry

Please continue to add observations of what you have been doing at home so we can enjoy sharing them in school.

How to support your child at home

Half-termly curriculum maps detailing themes and learning outcomes, across all areas of the curriculum, can be found on the class pages of the school website. Talking to your child about school and sharing their Tapestry observations together will also support them to make links and consolidate their understanding of a topic at home.

Please also share books with your child every day!

Discussions with staff and other communications

For a quick hand-over of information please speak to staff at the start of the day. For longer conversations please arrange a time after school by speaking to staff in the morning or emailing the office.

Dates for your diary

Fri 27th Parent Coffee Morning – Fussy eating
8.45am-10.00am
GB Gymnast visit

February

Fri 3rd NSPCC Number Day*
Tue 7th Parent Consultations
Thur 9th Parent Consultations
Fri 10th Parent Coffee Morning –
Building self-esteem & self-confidence
in your child
Mon 13th - Half Term
Fri 17th
Weds 22nd Thinking Day – Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers
and Cubs encouraged to wear uniforms
Fri 24th Parent Coffee Morning – Helping your child
manage their anger

March

Thur 2nd World Book Day*
Fri 10th Parent Coffee Morning – Sleep, Routines
and Chores
FTDS Disco - evening*
Tue 14th Open Classrooms*
Fri 17th Red Nose Day*
Wed 22nd E-Safety Parent Information Webinar
6.30pm
Wed 29th Nursery Easter hat parade*
9.15am
Thur 20th Reception Easter hat parade*
9.30am
Fri 24th Parent Coffee Morning – Supporting your
anxious child
w/c Mon 27th Feeling Good Week
Fri 31st Term ends 2pm

*Further details to follow

Best wishes from
The Early Years Team



Enjoyment, achievement, respect