EYFS Newsletter
Spring 1

Welcome to Foundation Stage

Welcome back to a new term.
We have a busy half term planned with lots of fun and exciting activities planned.

Our topics for the next half term will be Winter, Penguins, Antarctica and in Science we will be investigating the properties of ice. We will also be looking at the celebrations of Shrove Tuesday and Chinese New Year
Friday we will be going to the sports hall for our PE lesson. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full P.E. kit. All items of clothing must be clearly named. No earrings please.
In English we will be reading , retelling and innovating Emperor Penguin and Run away Iceberg. We will also be looking at some non-fiction texts about Penguins and learning a winter poem to perform.
Phonics : We completed Phase 2 of the phonics programme and we will be working on Phase 3 after a quick recap. Please keep practising their sounds at home and making simple words with the letter sounds they know. We will add weekly support on Class Dojo. Please look at the school website for resources.

Reading: Please listen to your child read every day, the books they bring home are fully decodable and therefore your child should be able to blend the sounds together to read the word. Positive encouragement and short daily sessions will help your child become a confident reader. Remember they can read their school book and also use https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/

Writing: This term we will be working really hard on forming letters correctly and writing simple words and sentences. Please encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly when they are colouring and writing.

In maths we will be concentrating on numbers 1-10 and exploring 1 more/less, positional language , shapes with 3,4,and 5 sides and different ways of making the numbers eg :10 is made up of 3 and 7 .

Roebuck Bear

Every Friday, your child will have the chance to bring **Roebuck Bear** home! Along with the bear, they will choose a book from school to take home and read together as a family.

This activity is designed to:

- **Encourage a love of reading** – Sharing stories makes reading fun and special.
- **Build vocabulary and understanding** – Talking about the story helps your child learn new words and ideas.
- **Spark imagination** – Stories open up exciting worlds for children to explore.

Please enjoy reading the book together over the weekend. Then, return **Roebuck Bear and the book on Monday**, so the next child can have a turn.

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Don't Forget...	Staff Names
Each child should have a named water bottle containing water (no juice please) A labelled coat every day. Your child will be going outside daily. (If your child brings hats and scarves please name these items as well) Snack £1 a week payable to class teacher on a Monday (in a named envelope please) **Doors open 8.40** **Reception children finish at 3.10** **PE Day is Friday**	These are the staff that work in Foundation Stage Mrs Whittaker (EYFS Lead Mrs Riley (Teacher) Mrs Felton (Teaching Assistant) Ms Withnell (Teaching Assistant) Ms Crawford (Teaching Assistant) If you have any questions, please speak to a member of staff or message us on the dojo app.

If your child does anything at home that you want to celebrate please let us know through Class Dojo.
Thank you for your support.

EYFS Team