

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Summer 1 2024



Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely break. It was so lovely to welcome all the children back into the classroom, we have had a fantastic start.

What are we learning

This term our topic is growing. For this half term, we will be focusing on the lifecycles and habitats of minibeasts. The children will continue to explore the world around them, the importance of these wonderful creatures, where they live and how they change.

The children are going to have the opportunity to learn and observe the lifecycle of a butterfly, as we have our very own live caterpillars.

Our book for the first half term is The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children will be exploring the character of the caterpillar, the language of time and will learn actions to retell this wonderful story.

Phonics & Home reading

The children are continuing with the Read Write Inc phonics programme. The main focus of this term is for children to increase their fluency when reading. Children will begin to learn Set 2 sounds with the special friends ay, ee, igh, ow, oo.

Reading books will continue to come home on a Friday and be returned on Thursday. Please continue to encourage your child to read at home to develop their independency, confidence and love for reading.

Useful websites to support your child:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/#set1>

Online Resources that you can use at home

Class Dojo: A letter has been sent home with your child which has the log on details for you to access class dojo. We will use class dojo as a way to reward the children. They can gain points for a range of things such as good attitude, following class rules, trying their best. It also has a messaging system which allows communication between school and home.

Tapestry: We use tapestry to record your child's learning journey. It is a wonderful resource which allows you as parents to see what your child is learning in school. Please upload photographs of your child's achievements at home, this can be added to your child's learning journey!

PE

Your child had P.E on Fridays. Please ensure that they have the correct PE kit in school.

Belongings

Please ensure **all** personal belongings have your child's name clearly labelled. Including water bottles, shoes and coats.

More Information

Please remember to check the school website, class dojo and twitter for information and updates. If you have any further questions about Foundation Stage Two, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sun Protection

Throughout this term, we are likely to face warmer weather. Please can you ensure your child brings a labelled water bottle, sun hat and has applied sun cream when necessary.

Many thanks,
Miss Dale