

# Foundation Stage Newsletter Spring Term 2020



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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

Children in Ladybirds will be using their senses to explore winter this half term with lots of opportunities for outdoor investigations and small world play. They will find out about animals from different habitats and how these survive through the winter months. This term will also see a focus on number order and recognition as well as spotting numerals around us. Lots of opportunities through play to experience rhythm and rhyme will be planned, as well as during regular phonics group sessions.

Red Robins and Little Tigers will also explore changes that are happening in the outdoor environment as the seasons change, including more regular visits to our wildlife area. We will be finding out about celebrations around the world as we enjoy activities linked to Pancake Day and Chinese New Year.

## Parent helpers

We are always keen to welcome parents into the classroom if there is a topic or theme we are covering in school that links to your expertise. If this is ever the case please feel free to speak to your child's teacher to arrange a time to come into the class. The children are always very excited to have visitors! In the past we have also had some parents volunteer to read with the children or help out with some administration jobs. If you would be interested in helping us with this, please let us know.

## 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.

It is a good idea to make sure that even 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!

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### Plimsolls/PE kits

Plimsolls and PE kits must be brought back to school as soon as possible please.  
Reception will continue to have their PE slot on a Tuesday afternoon.

### Library

This term, Ladybirds will begin visiting the school library every Monday to choose a book to bring home. Please ensure their library comes back to school, in their book bag, on a Monday to change. Red Robins and Little Tigers will continue to visit the library on a Friday so please ensure books are returned on this day each week.

### Spare clothes

Thank you to all those parents who have provided their child with a change of underwear and socks/tights in case of accidents. We have now run out of spare socks so if you have any school spares at home please return them as soon as possible.

### Tapestry

The children have really enjoyed sharing observations that have been added to Tapestry from home. In Nursery we display these in the classroom and in Reception we show and tell to the class. Please continue to add observations of what you have been doing so we can enjoy sharing them in school. If you are still unable to access Tapestry and need a log in, please see Miss Robins at the Red Robins classroom door after school and she will be able to set up an account for you.

### 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. We know it is very important to share information so we may also ask to speak to you after school.

### Dates for your diary

24<sup>th</sup> January – Year 1/2 Cake Sale  
11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Consultations  
5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
w/b 30<sup>th</sup> March – Feeling Good Week including Easter Hat Parades

Best wishes from  
**The Early Years Team**



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