



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a restful and peaceful Christmas and New Year with family and friends. We are looking forward to a refreshed half-term with lots of new things to learn! Please see the information below. Our class page on the website has also been updated. Should you need anything or have any questions, please come and see us after school once the children have been released. We are always more than welcome to assist in any way that we can.

- **Things to be brought into school**

A book bag with your child's reading book, labelled water bottle, plain and labelled PE kit in a drawstring bag to be kept in school, labelled wellies, a hooded coat, a packed lunch if that is your lunch choice for your child at lunch times and a spare set of clothes for your child to change into in case they have any accidents during the day.

- **PE –Wednesday morning**

We will no longer be taking part in Big Moves, so our PE day returns to Wednesdays only. I am planning on organising sessions with EYFS children to take part in Bikeability either in the Spring or Summer term. Your child will follow a series of sessions led by myself and develop skills using balance bikes. We have all the equipment in school so this will require no cost to yourselves. More information will be given nearer the time of the children starting the sessions.

- **Spare clothes**

If your child has worn any of the school's spare clothes, please could these be washed and brought back as soon as possible.

- **Reading**

It is really important that reading continues daily in EYFS. Soon the children will have learnt majority of the initial sounds, and we will be moving onto manipulating them to create 4 and 5 letter words such as 'crab' or 'drink'. Your child needs to be fluent in segmenting and blending CVC words in order to be able to read and write more complex words. Please continue to keep up with reading at least 3 times a week. Please continue to help your child to speak in full sentences when describing picture books and support your child to 'say the sounds and read the word' when word books have been given. Any time you have read with your child, please date, sign and write a comment in the diary which we will then check. They do not have to finish the book in 1 day. They could read 1 page on one evening, 2 pages another evening and back to 1 page on the third evening. We will move your child's face on our reading chart every time you hear them read at home. If your child has read 3 or more times in a week, they will receive 1 house point on their sticker chart. We also advise that your child reads their book twice, in order to develop fluency and practise answering questions as part of reading comprehension. We will hear all children read during the week.

- **EYFS Pupil Charter – Week beginning Monday 20th January**

EYFS will be taking part in a Pupil Charter and the theme for this year is 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea.' We will be having a visit from the Tiger who has travelled to many other EYFS settings amongst our Trust, and we will be adding to his storybook adventure! We can't wait to see the activities and learning that will take place during this week!

As mentioned before, if there is anything you are unsure about or have any questions, please feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the day once the children are released. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Chana