



Dear Parents/Carers,

The year is flying by, and we are almost into our 4th half-term already! We hope you all have a lovely half-term break! 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 –Tuesday morning**

Our PE day has changed to Tuesday mornings rather than Wednesday. Please ensure jewellery is taken off beforehand and PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts/leggings and plimsoles in a drawstring bag.

- **Spare clothes**

If you have not already, please provide us with a spare set of clothes in case your child has any toilet accidents during the day.

- **Reading**

It is really important that reading continues daily in EYFS. The children have now learnt all initial sounds, and we are learning how to manipulate 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 and discussing the pages 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.

- **Pancake week**

We will be having a week of pancake learning and exploring to celebrate Shrove Tuesday on the week beginning 3rd March. During this week, children will have the opportunity to create their own pancakes choosing their topping and tasting it. The pancakes will be shop bought with usual toppings. If your child is not able to taste or is allergic to pancakes or the toppings, please let us know in advance.

- **World Book Day**

Thursday 6th March is World Book Day and we will be celebrating books and reading for the day! Your child can dress up as their favourite character to school. We can't wait to see the costumes alongside the teachers!

- **Parents Evening**

Tuesday 8th April and Wednesday 9th April we will be holding our last parents and carers evening for the year. Please ensure you book a slot when they open so we can celebrate and discuss the amazing progress your child has made over the year!

- **Tapestry**

If you would like access to Tapestry where you can see some of the activities your child completes independently, then please ensure to collect a consent form from me to fill in with an email address in order to create an account and have access. You will also be able to upload videos and photos from home for me to see too! We have been using it more often recently, so please check your Tapestry account.

- **Junk Modelling**

We would really appreciate recyclable materials to be brought in for the children to use as part of junk modelling. This year the children are very eager to create many wonderful creations however we do not always have enough materials for them to access. We are looking for items such as washed plastic lids, small boxes, tubs, packaging, bubble wrap, cardboard, cereal boxes, tubes and rolls (NO TOILET ROLLS), etc. Please ensure these are clean/washed before bringing them to school. We do not allow the children to handle materials which are sharp such as metal and glass. If these could be brought in throughout the remainder of the year, that would be great!

- **Parent planting afternoon**

We would like to invite you to a parent planting afternoon where parents are warmly invited to help sow a seed and create a plant pot with your child as our topic towards the end of the half-term is all about planting and growing! More information will be provided nearer the time and in good time so you can arrange time to attend if you wish.

- **School trip date – Friday 20th June 2025**

Our school trip has been booked in advance for the date of Friday 20th June 2025 to Manor Farm in East Leake. Please put this date in your diaries and more information will be provided nearer the time.

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