



# Spring Term Newsletter

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### Happy New Year!



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Thank you so very much for all the kind cards and gifts that we received from you for Christmas. We hope you all had an enjoyable break and would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

#### Topics this Term

##### Winter Wonderland

We start off the year with our Winter Wonderland topic. This project teaches children about changes that happen during winter, including the types of weather associated with winter. We also explore places that have snow all year round and types of animals that live there. Our reading den outside has changed into a Winter Wonderland complete with fake snow, snuggly blankets and twinkly lights.

##### Starry Night

Why are there stars in the sky at night? The children investigate the stars and the moon, people who work at night, the importance of sleep and rest and bedtime routines.

The children will learn repetitive songs and poems and begin to explore and use rhyming words and exciting vocabulary. They perform their songs in small groups and explore the sounds that different instruments make. We are looking at the texts 'Whatever Next, Owl Babies 'How to Catch a Star' and Aliens love underpants'

We are focussing on encouraging independent writing this term and story telling.

We will be continuing to enjoy our Outdoor Learning sessions throughout the term, so please ensure children have waterproofs in school. We do send these home to be washed if they get muddy but they do need to be returned promptly. We will be continuing our Outdoor learning on a Monday and Friday. Please ensure that your child's waterproofs go over the top of their coat, otherwise their coat will be going on as the top layer meaning it will get very dirty. Please ensure EVERYTHING is NAMED. Children also need a spare change of clothes inside a carrier bag within their outdoor clothing bag. Please ensure there are socks in the bag as these tend to get dirty and need changing!

#### Reading Cafe

At the end of term we hope to hold a reading café where parents are invited along to share a book with their child in the hall, enjoy some refreshments then come into class and look at your child's learning. Unfortunately because of COVID we haven't been able to do this in previous terms. I will inform you of a date as soon as it is confirmed. It will be from 2.30pm in the school hall



#### Homework

Reading books will continue to be changed on a Monday and Thursday. Children will read in a group within class and have phonic / handwriting lessons daily. Please remember to sign your child's yellow reading record book so we know to change the books. Library will continue to be on a Monday after school. Homework will be sent home on a Friday via Google Classroom. Please can you make sure that you read the weekly information letter which informs you of your child's learning. There are activities on there which reinforce learning that we have been doing in class.

Please can we remind parents NOT to park in Cob Drive