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### EYFS Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! The children have once again made a really positive start back to the new year, which is lovely to see. Just as before, the EYFS team consists of:

- Mrs Elliott – EYFS Phase Leader & Class Teacher (Monday - Thursdays)
- Mrs Subritzky – Class Teacher (Fridays)
- Mrs Midgley – Teaching Assistant

We also have a T-Level student, Miss Spence, helping in class alongside us on a Wednesday and Friday.

#### **Our Learning**

The curriculum overview is available on the website, which outlines planned topics and areas of study for the year ahead. Whilst this is our long term plan, we are led by the children's interests wherever possible and so this will act as a guide, subject to review and change as and when the children's interests change. The over-arching theme for this term is 'I wonder how things change and grow', which should again allow us to incorporate a vast array of mini topics. This half term we will be looking at 'Amazing Animals', thinking firstly about animals we might find in polar regions and colder climates to enable us to discuss a change of season; we will then be moving on to look at animals from other areas (jungle and farm animals) in line with the children's interests. In Spring 2, we will focus on 'Growing' and this will involve studying plants, in line with the next season change, woods and woodland creatures and also how we change and grow too.

We are also lucky enough to have an enrichment activity on 12<sup>th</sup> January, which will see the children enjoy a visit from the circus. A letter has been sent separately about this – if you have not received it, please do let me know.

#### **General Information**

Just like last term, we have our Reception class information page on the school website, where you will be able to find copies of letters, homework and information about curriculum activities.

PE is once again scheduled for a **Wednesday** afternoon; however, there may be other impromptu PE activities or changes in the timetable so it is advisable to leave P.E. kits in school all week and take them home to be washed at the weekend.

Forest schools is scheduled to be on a **Thursday** each week. This will take place outdoors and, particularly as the weather gets colder and more unsettled, your child may need wellies and a waterproof kept in school. We are lucky enough that we have enough cloakroom space to accommodate this and would be grateful if you could send these in with your child if you haven't already done so.



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Bookbags should continue to be sent into school each day. These will be used to transport letters and also sharing stories and your child's reading record. Sharing stories will be changed weekly on a **Tuesday** and your child's latest decodable book matched to their secure phonics knowledge will be issued on the Ecollins E-library each **Friday**. Please do ensure that you are able to log in and access the books on your child's virtual bookshelf – if you have any problems at all, please let us know.

Named water bottles should continue to be used and will be sent home daily for washing and refilling before coming to school the next day. Please note we had a vast amount of unnamed water bottles left in school over Christmas, so if you have 'lost' yours, do let us know!

'Birthday' assemblies will continue to take place on a Thursday and you will be notified when it is your child's week. Unfortunately, we will not be having parents in school for these due to Covid guidance; however, we would encourage your child to bring in one birthday present, in a labelled bag, which they can show and tell during the assembly.

### **Seesaw**

As I hope you are already aware, we are using Seesaw this year to facilitate home-school communication and this would also be used for remote learning, if required. If for any reason you have not yet set up your Seesaw account, please return your permission slip to school and then we can forward details of your login and password.

### **A request**

You may have seen that we have a new outdoor reading area under construction in the KS1 playground. As part of this, we would love to share some photographs in the area of the children enjoying their favourite books in an unusual position or an unusual place. At the moment I have only received a small number of these and therefore can't start the display. If you were happy to be involved, please e-mail your photograph to Mrs Elliott, marked 'Extreme Reading' and look out for your photo in the new area!

### **And finally...**

Please email us as soon as possible (or catch us at the end of the day) if you have any concerns regarding your child, however trivial they may seem. We have included our e-mails for any non-urgent issues and we will endeavour to reply to these as soon as possible. Anyone needing a quick response should phone the school in the usual way.

We look forward to a continued successful and fun year ahead.

Kind Regards,

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