

Foundation Stage Newsletter Spring 2024



Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a happy and restful holiday. We are looking forward to an exciting half term with the children. This half term our topic will be 'If you go down to the woods today'. We will be finding out about animals that live in woods, looking at different bears and where they live and learning about nocturnal animals. The topic will develop following the children's interests.

Reading

Please can you ensure that your child brings their reading book and yellow reading record book to school **every day**. We have reading practice sessions every week using their reading books, so it is important they have them in school.

Books will still be changed on a Friday and we ask that you hear your child read regularly. Please could you write in the yellow book when they have been heard read. We will be learning lots of new sounds and tricky words this term and it is essential that they are practicing these skills to become more fluent readers. We suggest at least 5 minutes every day.

This could be reading their book, using their phoneme frame to make words or practicing their tricky words. Please check their book bag on a Friday as we add new sounds and activity ideas weekly.



Drawing Club

Each morning the children come to 'Drawing Club'. Drawing Club is a fantastic session where we share stories, traditional tales and animations together. We also develop language and vocabulary by introducing 8 new words each week. These new words will be displayed on our classroom windows so you will know the words they are learning and can use them with your child. Drawing club also gets the children writing and drawing daily, creating some amazing and imaginative work.



Get into writing

If you would like to have some practical activities, ideas and resources to help your child practice their writing skills at home then please look out for our latest loom video. An email with the link will be sent to you the week of the 5th February.



Do not touch!

We spend a long time each morning setting up the outdoor area to ensure that it is ready for the children to use during the school day. We ask that the children and their siblings do not play with the resources before school starts. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

