

12th January, 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term! We hope you had a good Christmas break. We would like to say thank you for the amazing homework you sent in about the Christmas holiday. It is really lovely to be able to share with the children the things that they have been doing. Please could you send in if you have still got it at home. These are things that we wouldn't normally ever get to see or even know about.



We are presently working through a topic about toys based on the presents the children received at Christmas. We are learning a poem about a toy box (your child may soon be able to perform it for you!) and next week we will be making up our own versions of it. The children will have the opportunity to learn together in the toy shop, as part of the role play area, identifying coins and using them to pay for items. We shall also be learning about toys in the past.

In the second half of the term, we will be looking forward to events such as science week beginning 19th March. This is a whole school event and is generally a fun week where all children have opportunities to work together in mixed aged groups. We will be linking our science week to our Pollination Project. A letter will be sent out about this later in the term. The 'Quantum Theatre' with their fun Science shows will also be visiting in Science week.



The children have been brilliant at coming in on their own in the morning this. In fact they are doing this independently much earlier than we had anticipated so thank you parents/grandparents for supporting us with this. However, we would still like to open up the classroom one day a week on a Friday in the morning 8.45-8.55, where you will be able to come in and share your child's Learning Journey and see any of your child's work on display in the classroom. Please don't feel you have to come in every Friday, but we still would like to still give you an opportunity to share your child's work with them. Also if you can't make a Friday morning, please feel free to come in after school any night.

The weather has turned really cold and we are trying to encourage children to fasten up their own coats. Some children are finding this quite difficult and we would really appreciate any extra help you could give children at home in being able to do this.



Please could we also ask that there is only plain water in water bottles. We are aware that some children are bringing juice.

Please could we ask parents to read the two books that are placed in book bags each week. As long as an adult has read with a child and diaries are signed, the children will change their books each week. Regular practise of tricky words (on their bookmarks) and writing their names would also be of great benefit.

Don't forget any concerns, just pop into the office for an appointment or for a quick chat, you can usually speak to us when you drop off or pick up.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Reception Team

