

# Reception Spring 1 Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you had a well-deserved and relaxing break.

The topic we are covering this half term is 'What makes our world wonderful?' I am expecting this topic to last all term as there is a lot of potential to explore what we find interesting. To begin with we will look at our immediate environment then make comparisons with other countries in the world. Please see the Medium Term plan displayed outside the classroom plan for more information. If you have any photographs or postcards which show a famous landmark/feature of a country (eg Eiffel tower, the Great Wall of China??!!) we would be really grateful! They will be returned.

## Class trip!

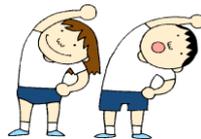
I am in the process of booking a class trip to Aldenham Country Park. The provisional date is 25<sup>th</sup> March but I will confirm this once we have heard back from the coach company. We will be taking part in the farm explorers workshop which will include a tour of the farm, feeding the animals and a petting session. We are also planning a treasure hunt around Hundred Acre Wood. Further information will follow.



## PE

PE will continue to be on Mondays and Wednesdays (in the School Hall). Please ensure that hair is tied back and, if possible, earrings removed.

We will be focussing on dance and games this half term.



## Show and Tell

We had some wonderful Show & Tells last half term, This is a great opportunity for your child to share something from home or about themselves with the class.

14.1.19 Aaron, Alexander, Alyssa, Cassia, Cian

21.1.19 Dylan, Elodie, Emilie, Elsa, Farah

28.1.19 George, Hanne, Hania, Hollie, Jack

4.2.19 Joseph, Liv, Louis, Luca, Max

11.2.19 Mali, Mia, Minuki, Oliver K, Oliver Y.

15.2.19 Rita, Rowan, Stella, Thomas, Zuhana  
(please note Friday date)!

*Please ensure that toys from home are not brought to school other than for show and tell. We would not want anything to get lost or broken.*

## Parent / Grandparent Helpers

Please let me know if you have been DBS checked and would like to volunteer either on a regular or an ad-hoc basis.



We will celebrate your child's birthday on their birthday (if possible), in our classroom by lighting candles on a 'cake' and singing to them. If they would like to bring a present to show the class and a couple of cards that would be lovely. You are more than welcome to join us for this at 2.55/3pm.

Please remember to send in your children's **WOW** moments from home (1 per term). The photos and comments from you are making such lovely additions to the Learning Journals.

## Dates

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** - Stay and Play please come and join us again! More information will follow.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** - Half term

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** - Superhero workshop (YN - Y2)

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents Evening

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day (dress up a character from your favourite book and bring the book to school with you)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - Comic Relief (more info to follow)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** - Railway Children performance (whole school, children only)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - Class photos (not individual)

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - EYFS trip to Aldenham Country Park (TBC)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Assembly (parents welcome) Term finishes at 1.30pm

## **Clothes**

Please make sure your child has suitable warm clothes for the weather as we always spend time outside during the day. Coats, gloves, hats, scarves etc must also be named.

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle that they bring to school each day. School policy is that children should only drink water at school (**no juice**).

## **MILK / SNACK**

Please see the office if you would like your child to have milk at snack time.

Children will **NOT** be given any milk even if they qualify for free milk, unless we have your consent.

After speaking to us, a number of children are now bringing an apple or banana in for morning snack. This is absolutely fine but we would ask that all snacks from home are fruit only.

## **Reading**

Please continue to read with and to your children and use the flashcards to build words. Rhyming is very important at this stage and is something you can practise with your children at home. The focus this term will be on blending sounds we have learnt and the children will be introduced to Phase 3 digraphs beginning with ch, sh, th, and ng.

We read at least once a week with your child. However we appreciate that reading the same books for possibly a week can become tedious. You are very welcome to come and change your child's books any day after school. Please ensure that if you change them you find the correct numbered / coloured books! I am very happy to talk you through the system and help if needed.