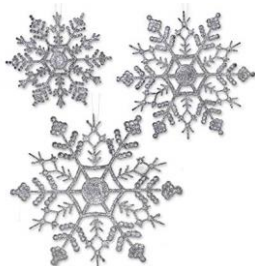


Reception - Term 3



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you and your families have a lovely Christmas break and we wish you a happy and healthy 2020. Fox and Badger classes put on a fantastic performance for their Christmas nativity. They remembered all of their actions and words and did a great job!

Curriculum Overview for term 3

Next term we will be learning all about the changing weather as we move into winter and the weather gets colder. We will explore ice and its properties and take a close look at some cold landscapes to inspire our own paintings.

This term is also about storytelling and traditional stories. We will be learning some traditional stories and telling some of our own stories in readiness for National storytelling week – 1st February to 8th February.

We would like to invite you to join us in storytelling week by coming in to school to either read or tell the class a story. In past years the children have really enjoyed having their parents in sharing their favourite children's stories. We have had stories read to us in different languages and told through song as well as sign language. If you are able to come into school at 2.45pm during that week we would love to have you join us – just speak with a staff member to let us know your availability.

P.E.

P.E. this term continues every Friday afternoon so please ensure that your child has their full P.E. kit at school on this day. We will send home the kits at the end of each term for washing – there is no need to take them home each week. All clothing, including shoes and P.E. kit should be named. Earrings cannot be worn for PE so please remember to remove your child's earrings on a Friday.

Lost Items

Every day we are asked to find clothing belonging to children in FS—we are happy to do this as we appreciate they are still learning to take care of their possessions, but please, please help by naming all belongings. Also please remember that if you want to come back into class at the end of the school day to find something, you need to wait until the teacher on the door has dismissed everyone first for safety reasons. If we find named items we always put them in the children's trays. Unnamed items go in the rack at the bottom of the coat pegs so please check there too!

Reading

This term we will continue to send home library books on a Friday. These library books are longer, more interesting texts for you to share with your child, perhaps as a bedtime read. Children should be starting to read the little books that they take home on a daily basis, this means reading some of the CVC words or some of the key words in the text. Some children will be bringing home red or green level Read Write Inc books, these are books that they can read to you because they will have studied them in class. These books will be changed on a Friday. The library books and the Read Write Inc books should remain in book bags and a staff member will change them with your child. Please can you continue to choose books every day from the pink boxes, as usual. These books are placed outside in the morning to help avoid a bottleneck inside the classroom.

We are introducing reading rockets this term. We will be recording the number of times you read with your child and will move their pictures up the class reading rockets. The first few children to reach 100 reads will receive a prize. Each day will count as one read– including the weekends. We ask that you remember to sign the yellow booklet on a daily basis to show your child has been read with. If you read several books in one night it will still only count as one reading experience and therefore only count once.

We are also introducing the opportunity to come into class early on a Friday morning at 8.30am to share a book with your child. We do understand that not all parents are available to do this and we also ask that only accompanied children come at 8.30am with the specific purpose of reading, otherwise the 8.40am start will remain in place. We will review the effectiveness of this reading time at the end of the term.

If you have any questions about reading please speak with a staff member.

50p contribution

A gentle reminder to everyone that we ask you to contribute 50p each week to help provide a carbohydrate snack such as crackers, bread sticks, toast, rice cakes etc, for your children as well as ingredients for cooking. We therefore ask all families to give a voluntary contribution of 50p each week to enable this. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

We are pleased to see the progress that the children are already making and look forward to working with you and your child in 2020 to ensure they reach their full potential.

Kind regards

Miss Lindal (Fox class) and Mrs Üzer (Badger class)