

January 2025

Dear families,

Term 3 Information for Reception

Welcome back to school! We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas holidays. Please see below for important dates and information which will be relevant for this term.

- **P.E.** will continue to be on **Monday**. Please send children to school dressed in their PE kit. We will endeavour to be outside as much as possible, so please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather.
- **Forest school:** We will continue to have forest school on a **Monday** in the morning. If your child does not already have wellies in school, or took them home for the Christmas break then please bring them in.
- **Reading:** We will change children's reading books **every week on a Tuesday**. Children should bring their reading book and reading record into school every day. Children will bring home one phonetically decodable book appropriate for their reading level which they will be able to decode and read independently, and one 'sharing' book to share with the family. Children will not be expected to read the sharing book independently. The purpose is to expose children to a variety of stories, vocabulary, and knowledge. Please record any reading your child does at home in their reading record, as these will be checked by class teachers on a weekly basis. If you have any questions about reading with your child, please speak to a member of the team. **Children are expected to read x4 a week with an adult at home to support their progress.**
- **Story to Share:** From this term, your child will bring home an additional book each week from the class' Story to Share box. Children will sign their book out, like a library, and sign it back in when it is time to change it. Children are not expected to read this book independently; it is for them to choose and share with family to promote reading for pleasure and vocabulary development. It will have a special sticker on it. Please ensure it is returned to school each week with their normal reading book so that they can choose a new Story to Share.
- **Garden Room** – Now the children are settled in school, we would like all children to be dropped at the door by parents/carers and we will support them to put away their things. This will support their independence, readiness for Y1 and reduce congestion in the garden room where the pegs are.
- **Welly Walks:** These are the dates this term for our walks. Please note we will be going in the afternoon on these days at 1pm to fit in with our busy term 3 timetable.
 - Wednesday 15th January
 - Wednesday 5th February

Thank you for your continued support in coming along to these walks. Please let us know if you can help on any of these dates.
- **Uniform** – Please ensure all uniform, packed lunches, drink bottles, etc. are labelled clearly.

- **Spare clothes** – If anyone has any spare underwear or clothes, they would like to donate for the reception classes to use, then we would be very grateful.
- **Open Doors:** We will be welcoming you to come and look at your child’s learning in the classroom with your child from 8.25 on Friday 17 January. We welcome you to stay for our phonics session this day to see the phase 3 lesson structure.
- **Pick up arrangements:** Please continue to inform and introduce your child’s class teacher to adults who regularly pick your child up from school.

Important dates:

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| Monday 6 January | Inset Day |
| Tuesday 7 January | First day of Term 3 |
| Friday 17 January | Open door including phonics lesson |
| Wednesday 15 January | Welly Walk 1pm |
| Wednesday 5 February | Welly Walk 1pm |
| Monday 24 February | Inset Day |
| Tuesday 25 February | First day of Term 4 |

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the reception team. Thank you for your continued support.

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