

Reception Newsletter



Term 2
January Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope you have had a wonderful time with your families and that your children are well rested and ready to start the new year.

This half term we are learning about 'Bears'. We will learn about bears around the world, different countries, different habitats and different environments. We will also be exploring our senses.

After half term, we will be learning about 'Growing and Changing'. We will learn about plants and life cycles, in particular looking at chicks and hens. This will then be linked to Spring and Easter.

Important Dates

Tuesday 25th January
Maths Information video will be available on the website

w/c Monday 14th February
Big Arts Week

w/c Monday 21st February
Half term

Monday 28th February
Training day

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd March
Parents Evening

w/c Monday 11th April
Easter Holidays

Maths

This term we will continue to explore the composition of 5 and begin to focus on numbers up to 10. This includes what different amounts to 10 look like, ordering numbers, exploring '1 more' and comparing amounts.

There will be a 'maths' information video available from 25th January. The video is designed to explain what maths looks like at Colmers Farm and how you can best support your children at home.

We will also be learning about position, shapes and time. **Please help your child at home by playing counting games, writing numbers and talking about the shape they can see in their environment.**

English

This half term in English, we are learning about instructions, through the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. How can we make the bears porridge tastier? We will also read 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', exploring going on journeys and looking at different environments bears live in.

Next half term, we move on to 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

If you have these stories at home please read them together, if not there are some YouTube videos of people reading these which would be great to watch.

A wonderful way to help your child is to read these stories or watch them on You Tube. You could also visit a country park or woodlands and talk about what animals you might find there or plant your own seeds and watch them grow.

PE Kit

PE is now every Wednesday, please ensure that your child comes to school, in PE kit on this day.

Forest School

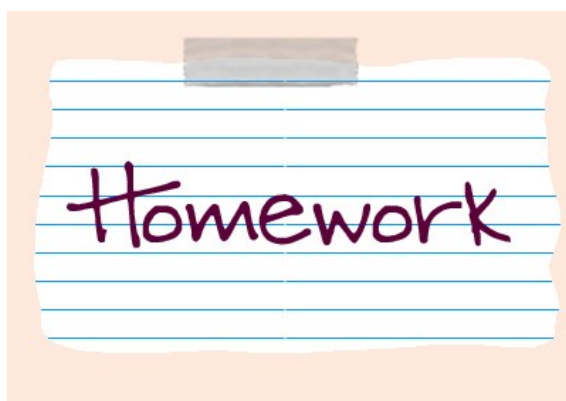
This term, children in Reception will be going to forest school every other week. On these days, children need to come to school in navy or black tracksuit bottoms or joggers with their school uniform tops. Children will wear forest school water-proofs over these clothes with their wellies.

Our topic for this half term is 'Bears'.



Balanceability

This term children will be taken in small groups to take part in Balanceability. They will learn how to balance and negotiate space and also how to be safe when on a bike and when others around them are cycling. Miss Hughes and Miss McCarron, who have been trained to deliver Balanceability, will be leading these sessions.



Homework

Your child has 2 books in their bag. Please read the Read, Write Inc book with your child everyday as this is linked to the sounds they have learnt in school. The other book has been chosen by your child as a reading for pleasure book. They can read this at any time.

A great way to help your child is to ask them questions about the books or show them real life versions of some of the words.

Reminder—The children also receive two other pieces of homework each week to help them practise the learning they have been doing in school.

Wednesday — English Homework

Friday — Maths Homework

Chicks

After half term we will be having eggs delivered to school, for the children to observe the chicks hatching and to then help look after them.

