

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.

The Reception Team

Important Dates

Friday 10th February
Maths Inspire Workshop 2:00pm

Wednesday 15th February
Parents Evening

w/c Monday 20th February
Half term

Monday 27th February
Training day

Tuesday 28th February – Friday 3rd March
Writing Week

w/c Monday 3rd 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' inspire workshop on 10th February. The workshop is designed to show you what maths looks like at Colmers Farm and how you can best support your children at home with this.

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

Reading and Writing

Children will be progressing on their RWI journey, continuing to learn new sounds and practise those already learnt. They will be using this knowledge to read simple words and phrases and begin to build on their fluency in reading.

They will also be using their phonic knowledge to help them write simple words, phrases and sentences.

Please help your child at home by encouraging them to practise saying and identifying sounds in words.

To support their writing please encourage them to practice letter formation and write sounds they know for simple words e.g. cat, top, pat, sit.

Topic related texts

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Jack and the Giant Beanstalk

Jasper's Beanstalk

A wonderful way to help your child is to read these stories or watch them on You Tube together.

PE Kit

PE is every Wednesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on this day.

Forest School

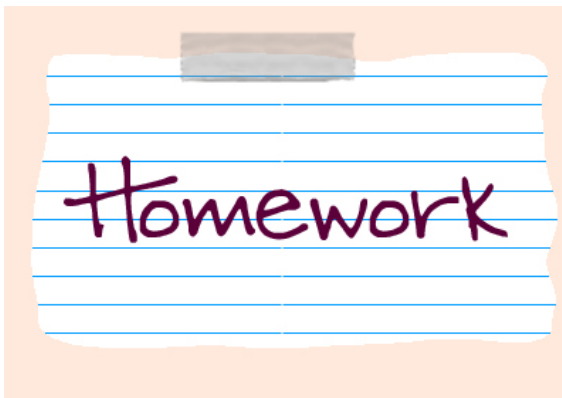
This term, children in Reception will be going to forest school after February half term. A reminder will be sent closer to the time.

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 continue to learn how to balance and negotiate space and also how to be safe when on a bike when others around them are cycling. Miss Hughes who has been trained to deliver Balanceability and will be leading these sessions.



Homework

Your child has 2 reading books in their bag. Please read the Read, Write Inc book with your child everyday as this is linked to the sounds 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. The children will observe the chicks hatching from these and they will help to look after them.

