

Emerald Class Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a happy new year.

We started using 'Hygge in the Early Years' planning four years ago and I have just started work on a 'Hygge in Early Years Accreditation' course. Hygge is the Danish approach to life that focuses on having a happier and simpler life. It uses elements of warmth, cosiness and nature to make the most of every day of the year. As I move through the training I will learn about changes we can make to our learning environments, outdoor provision and daily rhythm to bring in more calm. Play-based learning will continue to be a focus. Our themes for this term are attached.

In addition to the play-based learning, we continue to have pre-reading sessions which include listening and identifying sounds and exploring rhyme, rhythm and alliteration. We also have daily phonics lessons for reception children. Maths is taught through play and maths games linked to our themes in the mornings. In the afternoons we use Hamilton Maths Scheme which consists of short lessons and games. Story time and singing continue to take place just before lunch and at the end of the day.

Children's Profiles

The children have enjoyed looking at their work and photographs of themselves in the 'special books.' You are welcome to come in and look your child's book before or after school and I will continue to post pages from these books on the profile section of Class Dojo.

Teeth brushing

The children are enjoying brushing their teeth every morning.

PE

PE lessons are on Thursday afternoons, so could all children who are in school on Thursday afternoons, have a NAMED PE kit in school. The PE kit should consist of: a white tee-shirt, blue or black shorts and trainers. It is also a good idea to have black jogging bottoms and a sweat shirt or hooded top for colder weather.

Library Books

The children will be given the opportunity to take home and change a school library book on a Friday.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has their NAMED water bottle in school every day. The water bottles should contain plain water. However, if your child will only drink squash we suggest that you try to gradually dilute it so that, hopefully, they will eventually be drinking water. Please talk to us if there is a problem with this.

Clothing

Please, please, please can you ensure that all of your child's uniform is clearly named. It is very difficult for us to ensure children are reunited with their belongings if they are unnamed.

Jane Stringall
Class Teacher

Week 1	New year
Week 2	Moss
Week 3	Mountains
Week 4	Ice
Week 5	Mud
Week 6	Rocks
Week 7	Worms/Ramadan
Week 8	Rain
Week 9	Rainbows
Week 10	Beetles
Week 11	Baby Animals
Week 12	Easter

