

Emerald Class Newsletter

September 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new academic year. We are pleased to welcome a new child to Emerald class.

We continue to have a play based approach to learning, teaching the children as they play and through activities linked to themes based around the seasons of the year. I have included a list of themes at the bottom of this newsletter.

Reading

We have daily pre-reading sessions for the nursery children, which consist of listening to sounds, exploring rhyme, rhythm and alliteration and daily phonics session for reception children. Reception children will be given reading books in the next few weeks and we would appreciate your support by listening to your child read at home. We appreciate that there will be some days when this isn't possible but would urge you to get your child into the habit of reading a couple of pages now while they are enthusiastic about learning to read.

Maths

We have maths activities for the nursery children and more formal daily maths session for the reception children in the afternoons.

Children's 'work' books

Last year we introduced putting a selection of the children's work, photographs of them working and comments in a book. This proved to be really successful as the children loved looking back at the things they had done over the year. These books will continue to be available for your child to look through and you will also be welcome to come in and look at it before or after school and during parents' consultations. We will continue to use Class Dojo for communication, including photographs of them playing.

PE

PE will be on a Thursday afternoon for those children in school in the afternoons. Please can you ensure your child has a named PE kit in school.

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

We aim to go outside every day so please could you send your child in with appropriate clothing. It tends to be cold on our playground so a coat should be brought in every day, even if it seems warm at home.

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	Settling in	Week 11	Stars
Week 2	Owls	Week 12	Hibernation
Week 3	Apples/Harvest	Week 13	Winter Trees/Christmas
Week 4	Leaves	Week 14	Decorations/Christmas
Week 5	Spiders	Week 15	Robins/Christmas
Week 6	Pumpkins		
Week 7	Sticks		
Week 8	Hedgehogs		
Week 9	Fire/Diwali		
Week 10	Darkness		

