



Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wish you all the best for 2024.



Our topic for this half term is "What lives in the deep, dark woods?". We will be reading books such as Owl Babies and The Gruffalo; learning about the woodland habitat and identifying animals that live there. We will also be investigating light and dark by making (and playing with) shadow puppets. Our F2 children will be learning about the role of an author and an illustrator - a chance for our very talented writers and artist to shine! Our topic this term will be complemented by a Tuesday morning session with Mr Sims in our bushcraft area.



Mathematics

This term the F1s will be practising counting to 10, experimenting with different shapes and investigating simple repeating patterns.

Our F2s will be learning all about the numbers 6 to 10. We will be looking at all of the different ways we can make numbers to 10 and how to record our findings using part-whole models and number sentences. We will be using number lines to find one more and one less and learning how to use objects to help us solve simple addition and subtraction problems!

Phonics

We have lots of lovely learning planned in phonics this term. Our F1s will be doing body percussion and identifying words with the sounds; s, a, t, p and i.

F2 will be continuing their phonics journey learning their phase 3 sounds; oo (short and long), ar, ur, or, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, and er.



F1 Reading

F1 children will be able to choose a different story book to take home - please make sure these are returned the next day so that they can be changed regularly. They will also have a reading record for you to jot down any comments about whether they have enjoyed the book, or any characters they have particularly liked (or disliked!) It would be really helpful if all F1 children could have a school book bag to put their book, paintings and drawings in to take home. These can be bought from the school office.



F2 Reading

The children need to bring in their reading book and reading record every day please. Their phonics book is to be read each day with a grown up and will be changed every Friday. They also have the opportunity to choose a "sharing book" which can be changed as often as they like. Please complete the reading record each time you read with your child. All children will need to have a book bag as we do not have the space to hang other bags and rucksacks. These can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £7.00

Please, please, please...

Could you make sure all children have a sensible coat sensible shoes for school. All children will need a waterproof coat for lunchtime and when playing outside as we go into the outdoor area whatever the weather.

F1 P.E.

The F1 children will continue to have P.E. on a Thursday and we ask that they come to school in suitable clothing. We will be taking off shoes and socks and having bare feet for our indoor P.E. sessions. Their school t-shirt and jumper will be fine. (No football kits please.)

F2 P.E.

The F2 children will now have their P.E. sessions on Thursdays. Could we ask that P.E. kit is brought in a drawstring bag as we still have some very large rucksacks coming into school and there is not much room in the cloakroom for big bags. Please ensure your child has a white T shirt, a pair of black shorts and P.E. shoes. P.E. kits are to be brought in on Monday and stay in school all week as sometimes our timetable changes.



F1 spare clothes

Please would F1 parents be able to bring a change of clothes in a small bag that can be left in school, just in case your child gets wet or messy whilst taking part in any activities. We do have some spare clothes that we can use but it's better if we can change them into their own clothes.

General Information

Session Timings

The school day starts at 8.45am for all children. The F1 children finish at 11.45am and school finishes at 3.00pm.

Please note...

- **ALL** items of clothing, footwear, coats and bags must be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Please keep us informed and up to date of any medical/allergy information (including inhalers) concerning your child.
- Please could we ask for water only in children's water bottles.
- The children are enjoying junk modelling at the moment and we can't keep up with supplying the amount of boxes and items for making and creating so any boxes would be put to good use.
- We are really short of spare socks and tights in the unit as we have given out all the spare ones we had. If anyone has any outgrown or unwanted socks and tights then they would be gratefully received.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a fun packed spring term!

The Foundation Stage Team

Mrs Bell - F1 teacher

Mrs Mitchell - F2 teacher

Mrs Fawcett - Teaching assistant (mornings)

Miss Johnston - Full time teaching assistant

Miss Brockhurst - Teaching assistant (mornings)



Things to remember!

Monday - craft club after school
Tuesday - Outdoor learning
Thursday - P.E.