

TERMLY NEWSLETTER - EYFS

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Dear Families,

It has been lovely to see children happily return to school after the Christmas break. Children are continuing to make strong friendships and are showing a love for learning. We would like to particularly praise all children for their fantastic attitudes in phonics and remind parents that reading at home daily is vital for your child to learn to read.

We have had a very busy and exciting term so far! Our topic for the term is 'people who help us' We have learnt all about the role of fire fighters and how to stay safe around fire. The children were very excited to receive their certificates to show that they are now fire safety officers. We were then lucky enough to have a visit from PCSO Laura, who talked with children about all of the jobs that police officers do in order to keep everyone safe. This week, we have been learning about vets and how to take care of animals. The children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Louise, a dog first aider, who showed us how to take care of animals and make them better. We are looking forward to learning all about doctors, dentists and Chinese New Year over the coming weeks and have more visitors planned. In Maths we have been learning to subitise to 5 (knowing amounts without counting), all about patterns, shape, length and problem solving. In future, we will be learning number bonds to ten - and we encourage children to practise these at home.

Children have been very excited to start PE lessons and have been trying hard to independently change themselves. We would encourage children to practise their independence when changing and getting ready at home, as this is an important skill.



KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

We have recently noticed a number of children playing games which involve content from 'Squid Game'. We would like to remind families that squid game is an 18+ series which features graphic content of a violent nature. This is not appropriate for reception children to be exposed to.

We strongly advise that your child is not left unsupervised when watching videos on Youtube or tiktok, as it is easy to click on subject matter that is not appropriate. Youtube have a child safe 'kids tube' which is an easy app to download and is secure and child friendly.

The week commencing 8th February, is our safer internet week which will provide you with more useful hints and tips on how to stay safe online.

LUNCH AND DRINKS

Please ensure only water is in your child's water bottle. If your child has a packed lunch from home, please remember to keep packed lunches a balanced meal. Please also ensure no nuts or nut-based products – including Nutella – are included in the lunch.

LITTLE WANDLE PARENT SUPPORT

Please find attached the 'Little Wandle' phonics support sheet. This can be used to help practise the sounds the children have learnt, at home' in addition to supporting letter formation.

Many thanks

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The Early Years Team

