



Early Years Newsletter Spring Term



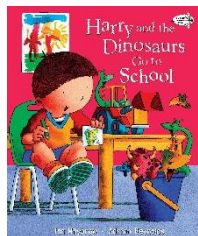
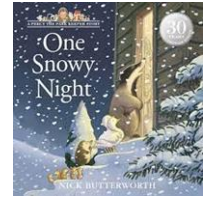
Welcome Back!

What a wonderful start to the New Year.

Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'Winter' and 'Dinosaurs'.

We aim to develop exploration and observation skills by focusing on the seasonal changes around us such as frost, ice and snow. We will also look at arctic animals and their habitats. Our winter texts will include One Snowy Night.



Our dinosaur topic will focus on different species, what they eat and why dinosaurs became extinct. We will become little archaeologists and explore fossils and bones. We will read a range of fiction and non-fiction books.

Phonics

We have introduced a new phonics scheme called 'Little Wandle', which has proven to be really successful and the children are making great progress. Here is the link for the parent's section of the Little Wandle website. The resources on this page will help your child pronounce their phonemes (sounds) and write graphemes (letters). There are also useful videos so you can see how your child is taught at school.



<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/>

Religious Education

In RE this term, our first topic will be the Local Church (Community) and the theme we will be studying is 'Celebrating'. The children will learn about what a celebration is and how people (the parish family) celebrate in church.

Ideas for home - talk together about celebrations you have as a family and why they are special. Read Bible stories together.



Good News - Keep us informed!

'Wow!' certificates are available for you to fill in whenever your child achieves a special goal. Perhaps they can put on their shoes, ride a bike, try a new food or write their name. Each child's achievement will be unique to them.

Outdoor Learning

Some of the reasons why we incorporate outdoor learning are:

- The positive impact it has on the health and wellbeing of young people
- It helps to develop responsible and independent young people, with lifelong appreciation of the natural world
- The outdoors improves children's social and communication skills which are essential
- Being outdoors in all weathers can be beneficial for children's stamina, resilience, and understanding of the seasons and how they change

How you can help at home:

- Read to your child as often as possible; as well as reading stories you can read print in the environment e.g. signs and street names
- Count objects with your child and encourage them to recognise the basic shapes around them
- Encourage independent skills and allow your child to put on their own shoes, jumpers/cardigans and coats
- Practise name writing

Important Dates!

- The last school day of this half-term is Friday 18th February 2022
- Children return to school on Monday 28th February
- The last day of school for Easter is Friday 8th April
- Children return to school on Monday 25th April
- Don't forget to visit our website for more information
<https://ctking.npcat.org.uk>

Thank you for your continued support