

RECEPTION SPING NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays and made some wonderful memories with your children. The children have returned to school well rested and ready for lots of new learning this term. We have enjoyed finding out all about what they got up to during the holidays and look forward to the new learning opportunities they will have this term. This half-term our topic is 'Dinosaurs' and the children will be learning about the different species and dinosaur and be able to recognise similarities and differences between them. Our learning will all contribute to our wonderful dinosaur day which we will be having at the end of term.

Daily routines

- PE and Games lessons are on Tuesday and Wednesday morning – please ensure everything is named!
- Library books will be changed on a Tuesday and reading books will be changed on a Tuesday and Thursday.
- Mrs Marks and Mr Smith will be covering Miss Meek's and Mrs Farmbrough's PPA cover.
- Please ensure your child has a (named) water bottle and fruit or vegetable snack each day.

Homework

To support your child with their reading development please try to read with your child daily and then write in their reading log. Your child's book will not be changed unless the reading log has been commented in as we appreciate all children learn at different rates. The children have been working really hard in class to learn their 'tricky words' (words that cannot be phonetically sounded out) and we are going to be putting these on Spelling Shed for the children to practice.

The children's log in for Spelling Shed is now in the front of their reading record if you would like to use this resource at home with your children.

Overview of topics and trips

Term	Date	Topic and trips
Spring 1	05-02-19	<u>Dinosaurs</u> Dinosaur Discovery Day (£1 and children can dress up if they wish)
Spring 2	11.03.19 23.03.19	<u>Fairytales</u> Great Missenden Library Visit (£2.50) Fairytales Fun Day (£1) Children may dress up as their favorite fairytale character)
Summer 1	29-04-19 18-05-19	<u>Amazing Animals</u> Visit to Wren Davis Farm (£8.50 including lunch) Mini-beast bop at Collage Lake (£12.50)
Summer 2	02/07/19	<u>Seaside</u> Seaside activities at Aston Clinton Park (£6.00)

Curriculum

- Maths – To be able to sequence and organise numbers and events independently. To improve number formation to 20.
- Phonics – To learn to blend and segment simple words, to recognise single letter sounds including. To be able to read and write high frequency words including the, I, my and them. Please see website for a full list of words.
- PSHE/ RE- Celebrations
- Topic- Dinosaurs
- Technology– To use technology to record our thoughts and feelings. To understand positional language by using the BeeBot resources.
- P.E – To develop their dribbling and passing skills to support their football skills.
- Games – To be able to work together to create sequences and routines.

Please find some websites below that can be used to support your child's learning at home.

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-2>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/numberblocks-help-your-child-with-maths>

<https://play.edshed.com/login>

Show and Tell

This term we will be continuing Show and Tell on a Friday afternoon. We feel that in order to give the children enough time to discuss what they have brought in, it is more effective to allocate one house a week to share. Please see the timetable below for when your child can bring in something of their choice. In order to support their communication and language development, we would really like it if the children could bring in an object or photo that is special to them to enable to talk about it with their peers.

<u>Date</u>	<u>House</u>
17 th January	Windsor
24 th January	Stuart
31 st January	York
7 th February	Tudor
14 th February	Windsor
21 st February	HALF TERM
28 th February	Stuart
6 th March	York
13 th March	Tudor
20 th March	Windsor
27 th March	Stuart

Growing Independence

It is important that the children continue to be independent and learn to organise themselves for the school day. Therefore please leave your child at the external door so they can try to put their things away on their own. If you need to speak to the teacher the best time to do this is after school or pass on the message to the staff member on the door.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

The Reception Team