

William Shrewsbury Primary School

RECEPTION NEWS - SPRING 2020



A Happy New Year to you all. We are already incredibly busy with lots of new learning.

This newsletter is to let you know about some of the exciting things happening in Reception this term. We have also noted down a few important messages and dates for you to remember.



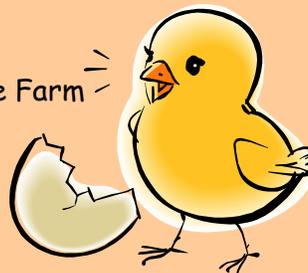
Our topics...

This term we will be focusing on... **Winter, Pets, Growth & New Life.** The first half term we will be learning all about Winter and Pets. We will be looking at the books 'Lost and Found' and 'Wanted: The Perfect Pet'.

Our topic on Growth & New Life will start after half term with the story of 'Jack & the Beanstalk'. We will be planting beans and watching them grow. We will be learning about animal growth and new life and visiting Ash End House Farm. We will also be learning about caterpillars & butterflies, tadpoles & frogs, seeds & plants and chicks & hens! All exciting stuff!!

Dates for your diary...

14.2.20 - Break up for half term
24.2.20 - INSET DAY
11.3.20 - Parent Interviews 1
17.3.20 - Parent Interviews 2
28.03.20 - AFWS Chocolate Bingo
Date to be confirmed - Visit to Ash End House Farm
3.4.20 - Easter Bonnet Parade
3.4.20 - Break up for Easter
20.4.20 - School re-opens



REMINDERS...

- Please remove earrings on **Wednesdays for our P.E. sessions.** Please encourage your child to dress and undress themselves to help them be more independent.
- Please can you name all items of clothing, including shoes!!!
(Tip-Ex works well inside shoes) We have been having a lot of problems recently with lost and unclaimed items.
- Only water please in children's water bottles. Squash, juice and fizzy drinks **are not allowed** in school.
- Please remember to return Home School Diaries daily in case we need to message you.
- Please help your child to learn how to zip up their coat and put on their hats, gloves and scarves.



Our Farm Trip

We will be visiting Ash End House Farm after Easter.

The children need to be dressed warmly on that day. It can get very chilly at the farm so layers are important. They **MUST** wear a warm, waterproof coat. It's a good idea to put a couple of pairs of socks on if your child wears their wellies. We had some cold children last year! More details to follow after half term.



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Reading

We are continuing to use a variety of books in our classrooms. We are introducing non-fiction books as well as a variety of stories and continuing on our Oxford Reading Tree journey.



REMEMBER YOUR CHILD CAN CHANGE THEIR BOOKS ON A MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY.

Please encourage your child to take care of their books.

They have to last us a long time and are used by 90 children during a year. If a book comes back in a bad condition, or it is lost, you may be asked to make a contribution towards a new book. Thank you.

Don't forget to visit our exciting Reading Maze after school and please remember to comment in your child's reading diary so that they can exchange their books.

Phonics

We are continuing to learn our letter sounds each week. The sounds are beginning to get a bit harder now and we are taking some time to go through them so that the children have the best opportunity to understand how these sounds are used in words. We are also trying to apply them in our reading and writing.

We are getting very good at sounding out simple words and we are trying hard to read our 'tricky words' too. Sounds of the week are sent home regularly and you can also access them on the school website. Thank you for your continued support.



Maths

Please continue to encourage your child to recognise numbers in their environment.

- Count things around the house and ask your child to find one more or one less.
- Look for different shapes in the supermarket.
- Fill containers in the bath.
- Cook together and enjoy measuring the ingredients and tasting the results!
- Help your child to recognise different coins.

It would be really great if your child could recognise all numbers to 20 and count items carefully.



Parent Interviews

We will be inviting you to a second parents evening soon. This will be a chance to talk about your child's progress and have a look at some of the things they have been learning at school. We will also be able to discuss any ways that you could help at home.

Our parent's evenings will be on
Wednesday 11th March) & Tuesday 17th March
We look forward to seeing you then.

We appreciate all the help you give your child at home. Please remember one of our ma4491in aims is to help your child to become as independent and confident as possible. We understand how limited time is in a morning but we do need to stress how important it is to encourage them to dress themselves and remember what they need to bring for school. Thank you.

A BIG THANK YOU to AFWS who have donated £600 to Reception. We are using this money to create exciting, relaxing reading areas in our classrooms. Please take a few moments to check our web site in a few weeks to see the results.