



Skylark Newsletter

Spring Term 2022



Happy New Year! What a lovely first term we have had at school. All the children have settled in very well and are getting to grips with school routines. It has been lovely to see how the children have flourished over this last term.

We adopt a topic based approach to learning. The reception day is divided into teacher led activities as well as child initiated learning, where the children are able to make their own choices and develop their learning through their own interests. Learning through play is an important part of our school day.

Phonics and Reading

Phonics

In January we will start Phase 3 phonics following the "Letters and Sounds" systematic phonics. We also use resources from the 'Jolly Phonics' scheme to support us in providing a multi-sensory approach to the learning of phonics.

Reading

Each week your child will bring home 2 home reader books to enjoy. Your child will be given a colour band to choose their home reading book from, which will help to ensure that the book they select is at the right reading level for them.

Reading books will be changed as follows:

Monday - Yellow Team

Tuesday - Red Team

Wednesday Green Team

Thursday - Blue Team

Please sign to say you have read with your child.

Library

The children will have a library session each week on a Thursday afternoon. They may borrow 1 book from the library which can be kept at home for the week to share with you. Please ensure this book is returned the following Thursday.



P.E.

We have a P.E. slot every Wednesday morning with Mrs Biggs. Please ensure your child's P.E kit is always kept in school and clothes are labelled. They will be sent home at the end of each half term. Children with long hair will need it tied back for P.E.

Milk

Children aged 4 will continue to receive free milk on a daily basis. If you would like your child to continue to drink milk once they turn 5, you will need to re-register your child with the milk company www.coolmilk.com a week or two before their birthday. Please see www.coolmilk.com for more information regarding payment.



Coats

Please make sure your child has a warm/waterproof coat in school EVERYDAY, as lots of our important learning opportunities take place outside. We have wood chipped areas, mud and sand pits in our outside classroom, so things can get a little messy!

You are more than welcome to catch a member of the Skylark team at the beginning or end of the day if you would like to ask us or tell us something. We try to look at the blue communication books everyday so you can also leave us a little message in there for us to reply to. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have a concern, no matter how small!

Many thanks, Mrs Winter & Mrs Thomson.