

Sparrow Class Newsletter – Spring Term

Dear Parents,

The children all seem settled and happy as we progress into the Spring Term.

The children are being asked to bring items into school which reflect their experiences at home, so that they can share these with the rest of the class as part of the speaking and listening element of the curriculum. We are encouraging the children to sit quietly and listen to what other children have to say as well as giving them the opportunity to ask questions relevant to that experience. We like to see medals, certificates, visits and work they have completed at home.

The children are making progress with their reading. Thank you for listening to them read on a regular basis. This is proving to be beneficial to the children as they are improving their reading skills. Listening to them daily at home has the maximum impact.

Sometimes the children may repeat books they have read before. This will reinforce the words they already know, and enable them to gain confidence before moving onto the next level. Regrettably and after due consideration, we have decided to cancel the Friday morning reading session. This is due to the very low number of parents joining us for this.

We will continue with learning the letter name and sound of the day during our phonic sessions. The children will bring home their 'Letters and Sounds' book on a Friday which will now contain a phonic handwriting sheet which the children have completed in school. Please practise these sounds over the weekend and return the book on Monday morning.

The children will bring home a laminated handwriting strip. This is for parents to understand the way we teach letter formation to the children. It can be used for tracing letters or reminding children where to start when they are writing.

In Numeracy the children are learning how to count accurately and recognise numbers to 10 and then to 20. When the children are confident with numbers to 10 we will add the numbers to 20 into their book bags. Please practise these at home. We will be practising 'one more' and 'one less' than a given number. In practical

activities and discussion, we are using the vocabulary involved in addition and subtraction.

We will be learning mathematical names for 2D and 3D shapes and using these to make models and patterns.

Please ensure all clothing is named including P.E kits. P.E takes place on a on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please could you ensure that if your child has long hair that it is tied up for these sessions. If your child has pierced ears please ensure they do not wear loop style ear rings. When doing P.E they have to wear tape on their ears so it is easier if ear rings are removed on these days.

Please continue to inform us if your child is going home with a different adult.

Please ensure snacks are named and continue to be healthy.

If you have any problems concerning any of these matters, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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