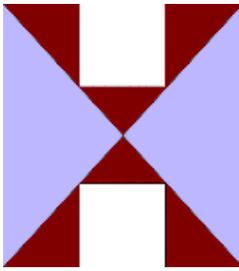


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Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful break!

We are writing to give you a bit more information about the coming term and some 'beginning of term' reminders. We have a very exciting term ahead and 4 fantastic topics that we are sure the children will love: 'Healthy Me', 'Adventure is out there!', 'How Does Your Garden Grow?' and 'At the Zoo'. You can find more details about what the children will be learning this half term on the curriculum map attached.

Important Reminders

Please ensure that coats, jumpers, book bags (including reading diaries) and water bottles come into school every morning and that all personal possessions are **clearly labelled** with your child's name. We ask children to change their reading book every morning, if needed. If you could remind your child to do this on their way into school that would be very helpful. Please remember to check your child's book bag every day for letters or other important information.

Trips and Special Events

Without parent contributions we cannot take the children on school trips or organise special in-school events. We are, however, very mindful of the present economic climate and know that the cost of such experiences can be expensive. We have therefore included information about contributions requested this term.

First Half Term

In-school 'Healthy Me' activities will include designing and making a lunchtime wrap, designing a 3D fruit and vegetable face based on the work of Arcimboldo, observational drawings of fruit and vegetables, making porridge and learning about dental and hand hygiene by learning how to best brush your teeth and wash your hands (with the help of a UV 'germ' light)! We are also hoping to secure a visit with a doctor and / or nurse. To cover the cost of the above activities we would be grateful if you could **give £2.50 to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 17th January**.

Second Half Term

In the second half of the term we will be taking the children on a visit to Woods Mill. This will be linked to the topic of growing plants. The cost of this trip will be **approximately £12**. A letter will be sent nearer the time and no payment is expected now.

In this half term, we will also be having a book fair where the children can purchase a book. As well as this, on Monday 12th March, we will be visited by the author Margaret Bateson Hill. To cover the cost of her visit, we will be asking for a donation of **£2.50** per child. Again, no payment is expected now and more information will be sent out soon.

Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Ralph and the Early Years Team

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

The life and work of Florence Nightingale

Why we need exercise and how it changes our bodies

Learning about why we need food and how to have a balanced diet

Illness, medicine and getting better: proper hand hygiene using a UV 'germ' light and learning about dental hygiene and proper teeth brushing

The world we live in and what countries are within it

Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated

Different modes of transport to travel round the world

PE

Hockey Skills - Shows increasing control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Anti-bullying

Celebrating multi-culturalism and different nationalities within our school

Being a good friend, getting on and falling out

Curriculum Plan

EYFS

Cycle B

Spring Term

1st Half Term

Healthy Me / Adventure is out there!



Communication, Language and Literacy

Non-fiction Writing - Florence Nightingale

Story Writing - Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Non-fiction Writing - Different Countries (China, Poland, France and England)

Creative Development

Observational drawings of fruit inspired by Van Gogh and Cezanne - creating a composition, colour mixing and then making the final piece

Creating 3D still life with real fruit inspired by Arcimboldo

Planning, making and evaluating a healthy lunchtime wrap

Making the flags for different countries

Maths

- One more and one less
- One more and one less maths stories
- Ordering numbers to 20
- Ordering numbers
- Comparing amounts
- Estimating