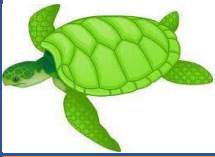


Welcome to Spring Term 2024



We would like to wish you all a very happy new year and hope that you had a lovely Christmas break. The children have settled happily back into school life, playing and learning with their friends. There are lots of exciting things coming up so this is sure to be a fun and busy term at school.

This term's learning

Phonics: We will continue with the phase 3 graphemes and tricky words, reading words and captions using skills taught in phonics, and identifying individual sounds within words when decoding (reading) and spelling. We will be developing the children's confidence in reading and their ability to tackle words without adult support.

Writing: The children will begin to apply their phonics skills to write words. With adult support and the use of writing prompts and sound mats, they will learn to form all letters correctly and sound talk words. We will increase the children's stamina for writing by introducing writing for a purpose- lists, labels, short sentences etc.

Maths: The children will continue to develop a deep understanding of numbers, shape, measure and spatial thinking through whole class and group sessions and child- initiated activities. We will begin to explore addition, making patterns, length, weight and capacity.

Celebrations: New Year, Chinese New Year, Mother's Day, Easter

Things to remember ...

PE kits- Children need to come to school in PE kits every Monday and Wednesday.

Bookbags- Please bring to school every day and make sure to check every evening after school. Other bags are not needed.

Robin group will change their books every Tuesday this term.

Rabbit group will continue to do this every Friday.

Water bottles- Please ensure these are clearly named and not too large or fragile.

Spare clothes- In a named carrier bag containing: spare pants, socks and school appropriate skirt/trousers and t-shirt.

Keeping warm- Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather and provide them with hat, scarf, gloves etc. for chilly playtimes and vests/thermals to keep them warm.

Reading at home

Please continue to read with your child at home. Little and often works best as young children find it difficult to focus on reading for too long. Please write a short comment in their reading records two or three times a week.

The children can use their sound mats and formation sheets to support any writing at home too.

The Sea Turtle team

Mrs Miller- Class teacher (Mon, Tues, Wed am)

Mrs Poynton- Class teacher (Wed pm, Thurs, Fri)

Mrs Williams- Teaching assistant (Mon-Wed)

Mrs Burkey- Teaching assistant (Mon-Fri)

Miss Cubitt- Teaching assistant (Mon-Fri)

Please pop in and see us in the morning or at home time in the afternoon if you have a short message or piece of information to pass on. Should you wish to speak with us in more detail, please contact the office and we will get back to you to arrange a meeting.

Thank you, Mrs Miller and Mrs Poynton.