

Reception Spring Newsletter

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Hello everyone! Happy New Year and we hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. We also hope you are refreshed and ready for an exciting term ahead!

Clothing

We aim to keep the children as active as possible during break and lunch times and therefore all children will need to wear practical footwear for school. Please ensure clothing including hats, scarves, gloves and footwear are **named**.



P.E

Children will be required to come into school dressed in their PE kit (joggers/shorts, t-shirt and a jumper) on a **Thursday**. If your child wears earrings, they will need to be removed by your child, removed before school, or tape can be provided for the PE session.



Self-help skills

Self-help skills are a key Early Learning Goal that the children will be assessed against in the Summer term. Please continue to prompt your child's independence with the following skills:

- Zipping up their coat
- Washing their hands correctly for 20 seconds
- Using their knife and fork correctly
- Getting dressed including putting on their socks and shoes independently (please consider this for footwear for school).

Fruit and Water

As part of the National Fruit Scheme, EYFS and Key Stage 1 children receive fruit daily. Children can also bring in **one other healthy snack** from home e.g. a cereal bar, fruit or vegetables.

If you have not already done so, please inform a member of staff if your child has any allergies and continue to inform staff of any changes to your child's allergies.

Reception are prompted to drink water whenever they wish. Therefore, it is important that all children bring a **named** water bottle into school everyday where they are able to access their water whenever they would like.

Milk

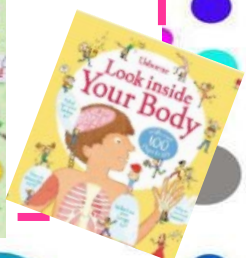
As part of the Cool Milk scheme, children are entitled to free milk when they are under 5 years old. When your child turns 5 and has previously received milk, please see the Cool Milk website for further details on how your child can continue to receive milk in school.

<https://www.coolmilk.com/>

If your child is not enjoying their milk in school please cancel it on the link above otherwise your child will receive it to bring home each night.

Book talk stories this half term

Each week your child will focus their learning in class around the following stories. These will be linked with activities both in and out of provision centred around the messages in these stories/books.



Dream Reads and Homework

We are continuing our popular 'Dream Reading' scheme. This is designed to provide children with opportunities to share age related childhood books with their adults at home. The books are designed to be read by the adult and this provides brilliant learning opportunities.

Some of our children will also continue to receive a Phonics reading book or ditty sheet each week. Reading their phonics books is all about building fluency and accuracy therefore we encourage that your child reads the same story more than once in the week.

All books must be returned **every Friday** so that we can provide the children with new books to read for the following week.

Our wonderful day

- 8:40am-9:00am-Registration, reading and basic skills activities
- 9:00am-10am-Phonics, Reading and Writing (Read, Write, Inc.)
- 10:00am-10:40am-Choosing time
- 10:40am-10:55am-Whole school assembly
- 10:55am-11:10am- Break time
- 11:00am-12:15pm- Maths, Book Talk and choosing time
- 12:15pm-12:30pm Toileting and Handwashing
- 12:30pm-1:30pm- Lunch and break time
- 1:30pm-1:45pm-Registration and speedy Phonics lesson
- 1:45pm-3:00pm-Curriculum (Topic, Art, PE, Science etc.) and choosing time
- 3:30pm- Home time



Topics for Spring One

This term, the children will explore England with a focus on their local surroundings and London. They will be comparing life in London with life in Spennymoor and exploring some of the local area and main attractions in London. If your child has any photos of themselves in London please send them in for the children to discuss with their friends.

The children will also be exploring light and dark and looking at how shadows are formed. They will also be looking at plants and with carrying out some of their own planting and growing experiments both in and outside of the classroom!

The children will be finding out all about their own bodies! We will be exploring our bodies on the inside and the outside and finding out how to keep ourselves healthy. We are going to be talking all things teeth and making sure that we are able to look after our teeth through the help of songs, stories and dentist help! Along with that we will be talking more about our feelings and how to regulate ourselves when our feelings get overwhelming!

Other topics will stem from opportunities that rise from discussions with the children and news around the world.

If you ever have any queries, please email our class address (dtcyearr@tudhoecolliery.co.uk) or ring Mrs Purvis via the office number (01388 814 399).

Thank you for your continued support.