

Foundation Stage Newsletter - Term 2.

New routines:

Thank you for using the cloakroom door in the mornings; the new routine is working really well. We are encouraging the children to be independent and put their own book bag/water bottle/lunch box in their places and reminding them to do their own name on the self register.

The home time diary is now next to the maths area for you to let us know if someone else will be collecting your child.

Reading:

All of the children now have a reading record and a school guided reading book. We will be changing these once a week when we do our reading groups in class. Please note that we change the days we hear the groups so your child needs to bring their books in each day. As well as the guided reading books the children will also be bringing home a book banded book that they can choose from the shelves in the library. We will encourage the children to change them when we do our reading groups, and you are welcome to change these ones yourselves too before or after school. (These are the books with little coloured stickers, not the guided reading books - Mrs Dann and I will collect the guided reading books in so they stay together in their sets.) Please try to write in the reading record at least three times a week so we can see how your child is getting on at home - I will give out some information about this at the parent teacher interviews.

Show and Tell:

From next week we will be doing Show and Tell on a **Wednesday**. The children are welcome to bring in something relevant to our topic (Tell Me a Story) or special awards or certificates from activities outside of school - e.g. swimming/dance certificates. There will be a box for the children to put their items in on that morning. Please don't feel you have to send something in every week, and we completely understand if some children are a little shy and don't want to have a go yet! Please remember not to send things in on other days as we will not have time to show them.

Winter weather:

Now it is getting colder we ask that all children bring in hats, scarves and gloves so that we can make the most of the learning opportunities outside regardless of the weather. Please name all items so they can be returned. Thank you for bringing wellies in to school; they can be left under the pegs.

We ask that the children have plenty of layers for Forest School so that they don't get too cold at the field. An extra jumper and pair of socks makes all the difference!

Parent helpers

We are always grateful for parent (and grandparent!) helpers in school and some of our activities will not be able to go ahead without your help.

Please let us know if you could help with any of the following:

* **Forest School** - Mondays 1:00-3:00.

(there will be a sign up sheet on the board)

* **Reading** - any day and time!

If you have any other interests or activities you could help with (e.g if you enjoy gardening or art) please let us know! Thank you.