

Home Learning

All Early Years children will have a library book to take home to share each week. Please comment on your child's reading at home in the reading record.

This term the Reception children will start to bring home phonic activities and reading books. A separate hand out will come home shortly.

Reminders

All children require a **water bottle** in school. Water bottles can be purchased from the school office or you may supply your own.

Please ensure **Book Bags** are in school **every day** with their reading record and books inside. Please check your child's bag and take out any letters or pictures every night.

Hair must be tied back neatly.

Please ensure full **PE kit** is in school at **all times**, including trainers or plimsolls and tracksuit/jogging bottoms/sweatshirt/fleece/hoody for outdoors.

Please ensure you **name all items of clothing** (including footwear, hats, scarfs and gloves) clearly.

Outdoor play Please provide your child with a suitable coat for outdoor play. We will be going outside in most weather conditions.

Pinkie Pie Thank you to everyone who has looked after our class owl so far. The children have really enjoyed taking part and sharing their adventures. We look forward to hearing more. Pinkie Pie will be sent home on a Friday. Please return her by Thursday.



Welcome to The Early Years Owl Spring Term 2017

Early Years Teacher : Mrs Tansley

Early Years Team: Mrs Chisnall,

Mrs Kershaw, Mrs Rozier

If you ever have any worries, concerns or questions please feel free to make an appointment to see us, or if it is just a brief word then just pop in before or after school.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Team.

Welcome back to the new term. We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break and thank you for all our lovely gifts you gave us at the end of term. It has been lovely to have all the children back and we are very impressed with how well they have settled and their motivation and readiness to learn.

In the Early Years we are actively promoting and encouraging the children to become independent and would like to say a big well done to all the children who have been hanging up their own coats and bags when they arrive and also a big pat on the back to those children who have been leaving their parents at the classroom door. Of course teaching staff will always be on hand to help but children feel a real sense of achievement when they can accomplish things by themselves! Thank you for your support with this. We also understand there may be days when your child needs to be settled or needs a few more minutes with their parent and you will always be welcome in the classroom.

In order to get a prompt start to our activities in the morning we would appreciate it if the early years children could be in class by 8.55am.

Our aim is to make your child's learning experience exciting and enjoyable through delivering a creative and stimulating curriculum based on the skills highlighted in the Early Years Framework. Whenever possible learning will be linked to a theme or topic.

This half term our topic is **Growth and change**

During **Communication and Language and Literacy** activities we will start with the children themselves and their own growth. They will remember themselves as babies and discuss the changes in humans and animals. They will write letters to a zoo keeper as a response to an animated tale 'The not-so-boring day'. They will read books about food and relate their own experiences of vegetables. They will also grow some vegetables in our garden.

In **Mathematics** the children will recite numbers to 20, then 100. Say and use number in songs, rhymes and stories. Count up to objects to 20 in a line, or by moving them and count out up to 20 objects from a larger set. The children will begin to estimate quantities and count actions as well as add +1 and +2 to a given number and read addition sentences. They will sort and describe 2D and 3D shapes and use words to describe position and continue a repeating pattern with two colours/shapes/objects.

For the Reception children, the overall theme for their **R.E.** activities will be the Easter Story. The children will look at symbols of new life, retell the Easter Story through the medium of an Easter garden and write and create their own Easter cards.

Additional Physical Development Activities

All Early Years children will continue to have a PE session on a Wednesday morning with Ross our Early Years Sports F.A. Coach.