Year: Rec/Nursery Autumn 2 2020 Newsletter

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**‘What’s so Great about the Great Outdoors?’**

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| The team bubble… | Class teacher – **Miss K Charlton**  Assistant teacher – **Mrs McCivor** **/ Miss Holmes**  PPA cover – **Miss Girvan** | Diary Dates:  2nd Nov: Children return to school.  13th Nov: Children in Need-non uniform day.  2nd Dec: Flu immunisations.  18th Dec: Children break up for Christmas.  Every Wednesday AM:  Forest School  Session.  Every Friday AM:  PE (children to come into school with their PE kits on-they remain in PE kit all day) |
| Timings of the day | Start time: **Reception** - 08:45am **Nursery** - 08:30am  Home time: **Reception**- 02:50pm **Nursery** - 11:30am  **It is very important that you drop off and collect your child on time so we can limit contact between class bubbles. When waiting on the yard please stand with your child on the lines. Children must not play on the yard with other children.** |
| Things to remember… | Reading books will be sent home on a Tuesday and Friday. Please make sure you bring your reading folder to school on those days so staff can change your child’s books. **This will start when the children are ready to be reading** **(Reception only).**  Please remember to bring a named water bottle to school everyday.  Please bring and leave some spare clothing which can be kept on your child’s peg in case they need to be changed.  Please ensure your child has a suitable coat for school, especially in colder weather. Please bring a coat EVERYDAY, if it is warm in the morning, that could change in the afternoon. Similarly with gloves/hats and scarves in Winter.  No parents or carers are allowed to enter the classroom.  **PLEASE ENSURE YOU CHECK SEESAW DAILY FOR UPDATES AND MESSAGES ABOUT SCHOOL. IF YOU ARE YET TO SIGN UP TO SEESAW IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** |
| P.E. day - | **Please remember to come to school wearing your PE kit on this day.Children remain in PE kit all day.**  **Our PE day is a Friday**  **Named** sandshoes/trainers, black shorts, white T-shirt and tracksuit bottoms and hoodie for outdoor sessions and colder days.  **No jewellery to be worn on PE day this includes stud earrings.** |
| Ready safe respectful | We will be launching our new school rules and behaviour system which focuses around the three words ‘Ready’ ‘Safe’ ‘Respectful’ . Conversations around behaviour will focus on our 3 words and the zones of regulation bottles. Children who continue to display unsafe or disrespectful behaviour will be sent to reflection with Miss Girvan or Mrs Lilico and a slip sent home to parents/Carers. |
| Our project | Our Project focus this term continues to be all about the Great Outdoors, this time with a SCIENCE focus! We will have an investigation station in class and use some Scientific tools and learn lots of new Science language.  We are going to be looking at plants and trees and their life cycles, how they grow and change and what they need to be healthy. We will be also exploring the Hybernation patterns of a Hedgehog and other hybernating animals and will be having a visit form a real life Hedgehog!  We have really enjoyed our Forest school sessions and will continue to do this every Wednesday, whatever the weather. We will be exploring Weather and seasons during our project.  As we approach Winter time we will observe what is happening to the trees around us and observe and record the change using iPads to take photos.  The children have settled in so well since returning back to school and we look forward to another half term of fun and learning during our Science topic! |
| How can we help you… | Due to covid 19 restrictions we have to limit face to face contact between staff and parents. If you have any problems or concerns please do not hesitate to email me (kathryn.charlton@ntlp.org.uk) or call the school office on 0191 222 0259 to book a telephone conversation. |
| Home learning: | Reception will continue with their reading folders and these will go home on Tuesday and Friday. Depending on individual childrens needs, these will be changed every week. **Please bring reading folders in on a Tuesday and Friday so these can be changed.**  Their reading folder will include:  A phonics reading book/A reading for pleasure book (for you to read to them) and their reading log record.  They will also include Key words, these are words the children should learn by sight. This may also include some little activities for consolidating their learning in class. |
| How to help your child… | Read to your children as much as you can, such as a bedtime story.  Talk to your children and ask them questions.  Allow your child to get dressed themselves or practise getting dressed by themselves. Putting their coats on and shoes.  Ensure your child is aware of hand washing and regularly washing hands before food and after using the toilet.  Help them to become independent with the use of the toilet, putting on own coat and wiping their own noses.  Help them to recognise their own name.  Count objects randomly and use number names in play, such as counting out their snack or how many toys they are tidying up. Count how many dolls they have or dinosuars etc. Knowing their house door number is a good start. |