

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school and to what will be a busy term in Reception with lots of exciting learning taking place in term 2. Here are some reminders for you.

**Where we live' topic.**

This term we are learning all about where we live and different types of houses. We will share two traditional stories The Gingerbread Man and The Three Little Pigs.

We will continue to learn our phonic sounds everyday, please support your child by practising at home using the laminated cards that were sent home. Please see overleaf for the curriculum.

**Reading Folders**

Please ensure your child brings their reading folder to school everyday. When the book has been shared please write a comment in the diary. Books will be changed every week.

**Homework**

Homework will start this term, children will bring one piece home which supports the work we are doing in class each week on Friday and this needs to be returned on Tuesday. Children will have Golden Time for returning each piece.

**Coats**

Each child will need a coat in school everyday as we do indoor and outdoor lessons everyday and have time outside in the morning and at lunchtime.

**Jewellery**

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery at school. If they have their ears pierced they are only allowed to wear studs and these must be removed on PE days.

**PE**

Our PE day this term is on Wednesdays. We will start PE again on Wednesday 11th January, therefore kits will need to be brought back to school for this date. Children need to have their ear-rings removed before they come to school. PE kits will be kept in school and sent home at half term for a wash.

**Water Bottles:**

Please send your child to school with a water bottle each day so they can drink throughout the day. Water helps the children concentrate and keeps us healthy.

**Attendance**

We believe that good attendance at school should start in the Early Years Classes so to encourage this we will be continuing to celebrate weekly 100% attendance every Friday. Children who have attended all week will continue to receive a certificate. Last term the prize winner had 99% attendance.

**Chinese New Year**

Children will be celebrating Chinese New Year during week 3 (23rd January 2017) We will be looking at traditions and how they compare to other festivals. I would like to invite you into the classroom to enjoy some activities with your child on **Thursday 26th January 8.40-9.30am.**

I am always available at the end of the day should you wish to speak to me. I look forward to this being a busy and productive term with your child's learning and development moving forwards.

Yours sincerely

Miss Birch  
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