



Dinosaur Stomp!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an absolutely fantastic start to our Reception year! The children have all settled in really well and are enjoying learning. Last term the children were on the lookout for a cheeky bear and now they are on the lookout for a dinosaur! There are lots more fun things ahead, with the added excitement of Christmas!

Please find attached a copy of this term's topic web. This gives an outline of the teaching and learning experiences for the coming term. The topic this term is 'Dinosaur STOMP!' where we will be using the story 'Saturday Night at the Dinosaur Stomp' as our focus text and will link Christmas into the topic too.

Interactive Learning Diary

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have signed up to the Interactive Learning Diary (ILD). The ILD is a great opportunity for you to see all of the wonderful things your child does in school as well as be able to share some of the things they are doing at home. You are able to like and comment on observations from school as well as post your own pictures at home. Parents have asked previously what sort of things to post. We enjoy looking at all of the things the children do outside of school. These things can include day trips, homework, activities – the list is endless. Anything you or your child wish to share is useful. Apologies for having to cancel the ILD drop in session. This session was to support people who were struggling to sign on to the ILD. I have resent passwords to people who have requested them. There will not be a rescheduling of the workshop, however if you have any further problems please come and see me.

Winter clothing

Please ensure that your child comes to school every day with a warm coat that is also suitable for rainy days. If your child brings a hat, pair of gloves or a scarf to school, please make sure all items are named.

Water bottles

We have noticed that some water bottles are being kept in the children's book bags. Unfortunately, we have had a few of our school reading books damaged by water leaking from bottles in bags. Please can we ask that water bottles are carried separately and not kept in book bags. Also, please note, the children should only have water in their bottles as part of our school policy.



Parent helpers

If you are interested in offering some of your time to help in our class, please can you come and see me. You will then need to complete a DBS check with a member of the office staff. It would be great to have some family members in supporting the children with their learning.

Operation Christmas Child

The children are very excited about the items that we have already collected to fill our shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our aim is to fill 15 boxes to give to this appeal. If you or other members of your family would like to help please bring all items in by Tuesday 13th November. Please speak to me or see the earlier letter for more information.

Christmas production

I know it seems very early to be discussing 'Christmas' already, but it will soon creep up on us! The children will soon begin preparations for our Christmas production. The Reception children will support Key Stage One by singing in the play.

The date and times of the performances are:

Thursday 11th December, 2pm and 6pm.

More information about the production will follow in a separate letter, including costume details.

Donations

I am always looking at ways to review and improve our resources and environment. I am currently looking to develop our outdoor area and am on the hunt for some particular resources to do so. I am asking if any parents/carers can support us with any donations of the following items:

- Logs
- Wooden panels
- Palettes
- Wooden reels
- Bark
- Stones

Value of the term – Trust

This term, we will be learning all about our value of 'trust'. I have added the poem we will be using.

Taking someone at their word

Relying on someone to support you

Unbreakable promises

Showing that you can be trustworthy

Treasuring good friends.

Many Thanks,

Miss Horton and the Reception Team ☺