

Dear Reception Parents/Carers

Spring Term

Welcome back to a new term and many thanks for all your lovely cards and gifts, they were very generous and much appreciated – thank you.

As you are aware, this term we will be focusing on a 'Space' theme. The children have already brought in some super homework which we have been sharing in class. Today, your child will have brought home a story map and text 'How to catch a star' to learn. We have been having fun putting actions to this story in class; please encourage them to share these with you when retelling the story.

Throughout the topic, the class will engage in a variety of cross curricular activities and we will continue the strong focus on the importance of working together as a team.

During the second half of the spring term we will be focusing on "People that help us".

Reading & RWI

The children have been assessed in phonics and next week they will move into their new groups. This means that some children will start to bring home Red Ditty books which they would have read in school and should be able to fluently read to you at home. For those who are still learning sounds and how to blend they will bring home Pink reading books. The Pink reading books will be for you and your child to share & it is anticipated that your child should be able to identify the sounds and be beginning to blend.

Please encourage your child to read every day and note that you have heard them in their yellow record book. The reading record books will be checked on a weekly basis and a reward system is in place for children who read at least 5 times a week at home. Pink books will be changed every Tuesday & Thursday. Red Ditty books will change once the children have read their new book in school but should be weekly.

Snacks:

Please can I remind you to send in healthy snacks and fruit in pots. The children should not be bringing in fruit strings, crisps, dunkers, or such like for their breaktime snack.

If you do have any concerns at any time about work or anything else, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Andrea Bolton and the Reception Class team.