

Receptions Spring 1

Newsletter

We are so very proud of all that the children have achieved in their first term at Knavesmire! Every child has made progress and they should all be very proud of themselves!

As we move into the Spring term we want to continue working with yourselves to ensure that everybody makes the best progress possible and that every child is happy! In this newsletter we will outline what we will be learning this half term. This will be followed up by weekly information in the weekly school newsletter. As always, if you are unsure about anything, please come and chat to a member of the team. We are always here and always keen to be working in partnership with parents.

Reminders

Please remember to send reading books and yellow diaries in daily and to record the 4x weekly reads that you do at home.

For afternoon snack please can this be a healthy snack and no chocolate ect.

Phonics

As we have mentioned previously, we are now following the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme for Phonics. We have been enjoying this so far and we are very pleased with how much progress the children are making. This half term we will be moving onto Phase 3 graphemes - 'ai, we, igh, oo/oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, er.'

More information on the programme can be found at

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk>

Please continue to read at least 4x a week with your child and record this in their yellow diaries.

Maths

In Maths we will be continuing to look at numbers up to 5 but we will be using these numbers to compare, add, subtract and build part/whole models with. We will also be looking at comparing and measuring mass and capacity.

English

In English we will continue to explore the many exciting media types that we find in everyday life. We will show the children how exciting reading and writing can be and as we become more secure in writing CVC words, we will explore meaningful sentences.

Big Idea

This half term we will be doing A Big Idea all about Penguins and trying to answer the question, 'Do all penguins live in cold places?' We will be looking into habitats and misconceptions that will arise throughout our journey. We are hoping that we will be able to enrich the children's learning with a school trip but we will need to closely follow any changes in regulations before we can confirm this. We are also looking forward to using the VR headsets and many more exciting activities! If you have any expertise in penguins or any photographs that you would like to send in then please let us know.

Handwriting

Last half term we learnt our Curly Catterpillar letters - c, a, o, d, g, q, e, s and f. When writing with your children at home please ensure that they are doing the c in the correct way, starting from the top and heading in the right direction. Without this being correct, it can make writing all of the other letters very difficult. This half term we are looking at the long ladder letters - l, i, u, t, j and y.

