



Foundation 2 (Reception) Class Letter to Parents

Autumn Term 2

Welcome to the second half term at Weston Turville CE School. I hope everyone has had a well-deserved break.

Most of our topics this half term will focus on festivals or events. We will particularly be focussing on bonfire night, Remembrance, Children in Need, Diwali, and Christmas. If the children bring any other interests to school, we will do our best to include them in our learning.

As we provide the children regular access to the outside area, please make sure your child has a warm named coat, a named hat and named gloves. They also need to keep a pair of wellies in school in a named bag hung on their pegs. If this is an issue, come and talk to us as we do have some spares that we can lend. As our cloakroom is not large and we have the addition of welly bags, please may all the children have book bags and not rucksacks as storing them is difficult. We would also appreciate if your child has a spare pair of underwear in their PE kits in case they need changing.

We will continue to have PE lessons on a Tuesday. We will be starting to send the children home with library books. They will have a choice of a selection provided for our class rather than using our library due to the coronavirus. I will be putting some phonics ideas on Google Classroom that the children can do at home.

We will continue to send reading books home. We will do our best to read with the children as often as possible so please leave the books in the book bags at all times. Also, please leave a short note in the communication book when you read with your child - it can be as simple as "book read" or a smiley face, so we know when to change it. We change the books no more than once a week and only when they have been shared twice at home. As far as possible we will change your child's book on the same day each week. When you are hearing the children talk about pictures in the books please help them to extend their vocabulary and grammatical complexity of their sentences by modelling how they could tell the story. For example they say "Floppy was running" and you could model saying "Floppy was running excitedly towards his food bowl because he was very hungry."

Although we don't want to think about it just yet, this is the term of Christmas celebrations! We are working on singing a song that we can share with you all on Tapestry. Please make sure you have accessed your account.

Please make sure all your child's clothing is labelled.

It is that time of year when we go through lots of tissue boxes, so we would really appreciate if you could help us. In addition, we always welcome other donations such as salt, flour, cream of tartar, envelopes, short split pins, googly eyes, glitter, standard sized sellotape and glue sticks. Any other donations would be very welcome.

Kind regards,

The Foundation Team