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Foundation Spring Term Letter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the new school term. We hope you all had a happy Christmas holiday. May we take this opportunity to thank you for all your good wishes, cards and gifts.

This should be a busy term as the children have had time to settle to new routines and are getting used to working hard. The children know that we expect them to do their best at all times. As ever, your support is greatly appreciated. The children are expected to read regularly at home. If you have any concerns, please use the reading record book to write to us or please come and see us after school.

This term we will continue our guided reading sessions. Each child will read as a part of a guided group once a week. This helps in the development of reading strategies and comprehension. Your child will have received sound cards over the autumn term for you to practise with them and also tricky words for them to learn. This will help with their reading fluency. If your child is now confidently identifying these sounds and digraphs, please begin to put various sounds together to make simple words for the children to read.

We will be holding an open evening this term where you are welcome to join us for tea/coffee and for you to explore our learning environment and ask us any questions about how to support your child at home in the Foundation Stage. We will inform you of the date this session will be held as soon as possible.

We will continue to send you a weekly newsletter about what we are/have been learning over the spring term. We do have a main topic across many curriculum areas for each half term alongside the children's own interests: the first half term is traditional tales. We would also like to hold multicultural days linked to the backgrounds of all our children in the coming terms; if you are interested in supporting us with this, please let us know.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to give their time to help out in the classroom or on trips last term. If you would like to help out this term please let us know.

Please ensure that your child's clothes are clearly labelled as clothes can easily get mixed up; particularly cardigans and jumpers.

We are encouraging independence in Foundation, with the children coming into class by themselves. Unfortunately, as we are in class from 8.30am onwards, it is difficult for us to talk to parents in the morning but we do make time to read your parent comment forms. We are available after school most days. Can we also remind parents that if they need to come onto the school premises after 8.50 in the morning, they need to report to reception and obtain a visitor's pass. It is of upmost importance that we know of every adult on site to keep our children safe.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Heaton, Miss Yorke and the Foundation Team