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Curriculum Letter Reception ~ Ms. Mangera

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Reception and we hope that you have had a great start to 2024.

We would like to thank you for the many Christmas cards and gifts you gave to us. They were all very much appreciated.

Here are a few details of the term, which you may find helpful:

Being covered by the class for the first half of this term is **'Healthy Me'**, with much of the literacy learning based on the book 'The Gigantic Turnip' by Aleksei Tolstoy (Author) and Niamh Sharkey (Illustrator). Once again, please do not read the story to the children just yet, as we are hoping to maintain the suspense. The children have produced some fantastic ideas regarding what they would like to do during the topic and we have based much of our planning on this. We would be particularly pleased with any contributions you may provide with this topic. All input is most welcome and it is events like this that make the learning memorable – so do let us know if, and when you can help.

Outdoor Classroom/Forest School

Please ensure that your child has adequate outdoor clothing at school so that they can participate. A warm, waterproof jacket is essential, as are either wellies or outdoor walking shoes. Warm socks make the activity much more enjoyable, so please send these in too! Our Forest School sessions take place on Fridays - see below for dates.

Spare Clothes

We sent the bags of spare clothes home before the holidays so that you could check all clothes still fit and the bag contains at least one change of underwear, socks/tights, a top and bottoms (trousers/leggings etc). Please do return the bags to school in a named bag, which will be stored in the cloakroom.

Nut Allergy/Kiwi Allergy

We would like to thank you all for your consideration and support in making our school a nut and kiwi free zone.

Physical Education

P.E. sessions will be on **Monday** each week. Please ensure that children come to school dressed for being active. Trainers, or shoes similar to trainers, are ideal as school footwear, but wellies, walking

boots, plimsolls and sandals are not helpful and can be dangerous if worn when running about. Pupils should wear clothing that is flexible enough and that will not be caught in PE equipment. **Active wear should be worn every day.**

Jewellery

The children should not wear any jewellery to school including earrings but they may wear normal watches. Please note that watches must be removed for P.E.

Key words and Reading

The key words/home folder have been sent home and new words will be added as they are covered in school. Please help your child to practise reading these words on a daily basis. The aim is for your child to be able to recognise these words at a glance, eventually. We are very pleased with the progress the children are making in this area, so please continue with your support.

We would like to emphasise yet again the importance of daily reading. New books are added to your Big Cats account each week, reflecting the phonics covered in class. Re-reading the same book on multiple occasions very much helps to build the fluency, confidence and enjoyment of reading.

We will continue to send home **library books** to share this term. These are books that your child will choose independently and will possibly be too difficult for your child to read independently. These books are for sharing with you and to help foster the importance of reading for pleasure. New books will be dispensed if the previous book is returned, so do ensure they are placed in book bags at the beginning of each week. Library books are changed each Friday.

Junk Modelling

The children are great designers when it comes to junk modelling and need a constant supply of building materials. If you have any empty boxes / containers, (cereal boxes, egg boxes etc.) please send them into school for use. Please ensure anything you send in is clean and safe (no empty medicine packs please). In addition, it would be better if you could bring in a few things at a time, as we do not have space to store bulky items.

Trainee Teachers

We are happy to welcome back our two trainee teachers, who will be with us for most of this half-term. The trainees are Mrs Whitehead and Miss Williams.

Diary Dates

There will be an open afternoon for all parents/carers on Monday 5th February from 3.15 pm. The teacher/parent consultations will be in the week commencing 12th February. Our Forest School dates for this term are Fridays, March 1st, March 8th, March 15th and March 22nd.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Kindest Regards,

Razia Mangera
(Class Teacher)

Sarah Blake
(Nursery Nurse)

Nicola Marroncelli
(Class Teacher)