

Class R Newsletter – Spring Term 1 2019

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. We are really excited for this next term in Class R; we have been really proud of the great progress Class R have made since starting school. The class love learning, have developed strong friendships and are independent at an age appropriate level; this all means that they are ready for more learning challenges!

Our topic this half term is: **Animals**

We have lots of exciting learning planned for this topic. We are also led by 'child initiated ideas', so if your child talks at home about what they are interested in to do with animals or learning in general, please let us know so that we can try and incorporate this into our learning environment.

Reading: A big 'thank you' for supporting your child's reading. It is so important that children are reading and reading is shared with children as much as possible. We expect that children read four times a week at home, reading each school reading book through at least twice. Please also share other stories together, role modelling 'being a good reader' to your child. When you and your child have read together please mark it off in their home/school diary, don't feel you have to write a comment if you don't want to, initialling that day's box is fine.

Junk Modelling: We have quite a stock of junk modelling materials stored up therefore do not need anything else currently; we will let you know when stocks run low and we need some more! Thank you.

Special Snack: We will continue to make Special Snack weekly with the children. Please could we ask for this term's contribution of £5 (thank you if you have already made the contribution).

PE Days: Wednesday and Friday are our PE days. We like the children to be as independent as possible when changing so please send your child in wearing uniform that is easier for them to manage, i.e. no button up shirts.

Spot Challenges: These learning challenges are now being introduced to the children from the start of this term. There are four differentiated learning activities within the classroom that your child is expected to complete. The purpose of these tasks are to help develop their skills as a learner. Please ask you child about the spot challenges and praise them for completing them.

Thank you,

Mrs Powell, Mrs Rees & Mrs Newcombe