



EYFS Newsletter - Spring 1 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break, and had a fantastic New Year, as we now embark on an exciting new term!

Topic

In the first half of the Spring term we will be focusing on our new topic called '*The Enchanted Forest*'. As part of this topic we will be looking at well-known stories such as the 'Gruffalo', 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children are already exploring our new role play areas and we are sure they will enjoy this exciting topic. We will also take the opportunity to have a closer look at Chinese New Year. The children will learn about the traditions linked to this celebration and will even get a chance to explore this further during their Chinese New Year Wow day. In addition, the children will also experience another session of Forest Schools.

Book Looks

We have arranged another opportunity for you to come into school to have a closer look at your child's learning and to look at their special books. At Eastbrook, we understand how important it is for parents to celebrate the children's achievements and think it is a wonderful opportunity for your child to share what they have been learning with you. This will be held on Tuesday 5th February 2019 for parents with children in **REB** and Wednesday 6th February for parents with children in **RMP**. Both sessions will start at 2.30pm, in the main hall. We are aware that any date we suggest may not be convenient for everyone, so please speak to the class teacher if you would like to arrange a different time.

Bookworm Mornings

From the start of next half term we would like to invite parents to join us every Thursday morning at 8.50 for Bookworm. This is an opportunity to come into class and share a reading book with your child for 10 minutes at the start of the morning. We would love to see you at these sessions, but they are optional, so please make it work for you. You are free to attend every Thursday or just a few. If you can't make it, don't worry as your child will read with an adult from the EYFS team.

EYFS Outside Learning Environment

Here at Eastbrook, we feel very passionate about creating engaging, inspiring and purposeful learning environments for the children. In Early Years we are continuously striving to improve both our indoor and outdoor learning environments and we have made lots of changes and improvements over the last few years. However, our job is never done! We are still hoping to make further improvements, particularly, to the outside area. In order to do this we need supplies and possibly a little bit of help from some of you. If any of you have access to items listed below, and would be able to donate them to the school, we would be very grateful.

Useful items:

Tyres

Wooden pallets, sheets, logs etc.

Large cable reels/drums

Paint

If you wish to donate any of the above items, then please contact Natasha in the office. If you are unsure whether any items you have may be useful then please talk to a member of the EYFS team. We really would be very appreciative of any support that you may be able to offer us.

Wow Moments

Once again, we wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you for the wonderful Wow Moments we received during Autumn term. It has been a pleasure hearing a little bit about what the children have been up to outside of school and to get to know them even better. The Wow Moments are something that we hope to continue to do throughout the year so please feel free to keep bringing them in for your child to share with their class. We will be updating our 'Wow Moments' display every term.

Diary Dates

Bookworm Mornings	Every Thursday
Forest School	REB - Tuesday 29 th January
	RMP Thursday 31 st January
Book Looks	REB - Tuesday 5 th February
	RMP - Wednesday 6 th February
Chinese New Year Wow day	Friday 8 th February

Just a reminder, children spend a lot of time learning in our outdoor area so please ensure that suitable clothing is worn such as tights, warm jackets as well as hats, scarves and gloves.

If you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Early Years Team. Although we may not always be able to speak to you in depth at the beginning or end of the day, you can make an appointment to see any member of the EYFS teaching staff after school to discuss any points you wish to raise.

Warm regards,

The Early Years Team