



Welcome Back!

Blossom News

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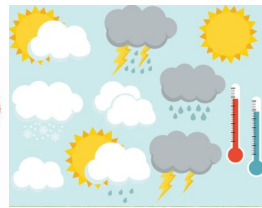
Welcome back to school and to Term 2. We continue this term with the same staff members: Mrs McDowall as Class teacher Mon-Weds and Miss Cotton as class teacher Weds PM, Thurs and Fri. Mrs Hopkins is class Teaching Assistant Mon-Weds and Mrs Steele on Thurs and Fri.

Topic

Our topic this term is What is Christmas?

We will continue to develop independence with our class and school routines and continue to use Tapestry at school and at home.

We already have a Christmas themed role play area in the classroom and will be encouraging the children to dress up, make cards, pictures and gifts for our family and friends, share winter and Christmas stories together and retell the Nativity story using small world props. At the end of term we will have a simple Christmas nativity performance with Willow Class. More details soon to follow!



Uniform and Spare Clothes

Please ensure all items of clothing and shoes are clearly named. Please continue to send in spare clothes including socks, pants and comfy warm clothes to be used in case of accidents, wet or muddy days. We will continue to use the outside area and wear our wellies to get outside as much as possible this term.



Reading

We continue to develop a love of reading and sharing books at school and hope you are enjoying the reading books at home.

Please write in the reading record every time you share your reading book together at home. Please also continue to tell the story and talk about the events, characters, themes and ideas in the story. As well as the reading books you now also have some keywords to practise reading at home. These words are for children to recognise rather than "sound out". A simple explanation of "when you see this word, say ..." helps children understand that some words you just need to know and recognise. Then point out that word wherever you see it. We have also sent home a "Library book" to share and read together at home perhaps before bed-time every night. We will change this book every week on Wednesdays.



PE

PE lessons will be on a Monday and Friday afternoon this term. Monday will be football skills and Friday Dance skills. Please could each child leave their PE kit bag on their peg for the term. We will send them home for a wash at the end of the term or if they get very muddy.

Star of the Week

Finney (our class toy hedgehog) will visit a few more children at home this term when they are Star of the Week on a Friday. When your child is Star of the Week please help your child fill in Finney's diary with a short bit of your child's writing, draw a picture or stick in a photo of the things he gets up to at home with your child. Please return Finney to school with his suitcase on the following Monday for us to share the experiences together in class.



Healthy Eating and Dental Care: Healthy Snacks & Water Bottles

Please help us to promote healthy, happy smiles by keeping sugar consumption to meal times only.

Please provide a named bottle full of **water** for use at break and during the day (or allow school to provide fresh water for your child).

Blossom Class are provided with a choice of healthy snack each day before morning break.



If you have any concerns or worries about your child or the school, please don't hesitate to speak to us.

Mrs McDowall and Miss Cotton

Blossom Class