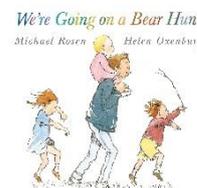


Dear Parents and Carers

The first few weeks of the Spring Term have certainly been busy ones! The children have been exceptionally welcoming to Mrs Lawrence and have really enjoyed the process of the classroom move. The unit is looking really lovely with the new flooring, and the children have been making the most of exploring the new classroom areas.



To start the new term, we have based our teacher directed learning on the theme of Traditional Tales, and have had great pleasure in telling and sharing familiar stories. Our key text is currently Jack and the Jellybean Stalk by Rachael Mortimer, which we have been using as an enticement for writing and exploring new vocabulary. After half term, we will be looking at Transport and Maps, using the children's interests from their previous experiences as a springboard for new learning; We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen, will be our key text. We will also be looking forward to developing our outside learning space. The children have been keen to tell us their 'wish list' of outdoor areas, including a builders' yard and Spiderman's hideout, and Mrs Davies is keen to get planting with the warmer weather on its way!



This term has also seen the introduction of our new phonics programme "Essential Letters and Sounds". The children have really taken to the new routines and have been learning lots of new sounds! Thank you for your support with the changes in home reading books. We hope that this change will help to develop fluency and expression as the children's confidence blossoms!

Thank you so much for all your junk modelling donations. The children have been really enjoying planning and making their models. We are now fully stocked with junk modelling and will let you know if we need any more.

Thank you also to those who have contributed a £5 voluntary donation at the beginning of the term to help us with the purchase of things such as snacks and playdough ingredients. We are very appreciative of your support with this.



It has been wonderful to see many of you using Tapestry, posting your child's learning and commenting on their wow moments from school! Your input is really appreciated and encouraged. Of course, if you ever have any questions about Tapestry, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us about it.

Please do check to see if the names in clothing is still visible and has not fallen off or come off in the wash. It is also very useful to have named spare items of clothing too; thank you for your help with this. As a reminder, we are a nut-free school so please remember this if you are giving your child a packed lunch.

We are really looking forward to the rest of the term ahead!

The Early Years Team

*Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Lammin, Mrs Davies and Ms Lane*