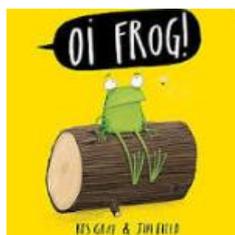


Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you have all had a happy, healthy and restful Easter break and are as excited as we are to embark upon the new term ahead!



To start the new term, we will be basing our teacher directed learning on the theme of Animals. Our key text, and firm favourite amongst the children, is Oi Frog by Kes Gray and Jim Field, which we will be using as an enticement for writing and exploring new vocabulary. After half term, we will be continuing our Animals theme with another key text; Anansi the Spider by Gerald McDermott.



We will also be continuing to develop the inside and outside learning spaces, with further gross motor mark making opportunities and a baby clinic outside, and a malleable station and home corner inside! For



our home corner we are keen to keep the children's experiences as real and meaningful as possible. We would therefore welcome any empty packets of the children's favourite foods so that we can enhance the area with familiar items from their home. This is also a great way to share different cultures and backgrounds! Please do remember however that we will not be able to accept packages that have previously contained nuts.

In addition, we would also be keen to accept any junk modelling donations you may have in the first few weeks of term! The children have been making their way through our stock, building trains, inventing 'sand suckers' and creating props for their McDonald's role play games!

We will be continuing with the successful implementation of Essential Letters and Sounds this term. Ash class will be learning some new special friends (or 'diagraphs') and reviewing past sounds. We will have a particular focus on reading and writing sentences this term. Saplings will be focusing on Phase 2 single letter sounds and will also be looking at rhyming, alliteration and oral blending. Please do continue to read at home with your children and write in the reading record books. We are grateful for your support with home reading; it really does make such a difference!

Thank you to those who contributed a £5 voluntary donation at the beginning of the Spring term. These funds went towards ingredients for playdough, busy fingers resources and rhyming games to support phonics for this term. We are ever so grateful for these contributions.



We also wanted to thank you for your Tapestry contributions and engagement with posts via comments and likes; the children are thrilled to know when their special grown-ups have seen their hard work!

Please do check to see if the names in clothing is still visible and has not fallen off or come off in the wash, and don't forget to return spare clothes for our child's peg!

We are really looking to the term ahead!

The Early Years Team

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