

Doves Class Newsletter

Spring Term



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good Christmas break and that the children are ready to start a new term of learning and fun. Hopefully the children will all be excited and enthused by our new topic - Into the Woods! Please see the curriculum map to find out what we will be learning about this term.



Phonics:

We are continuing with Phase 5 in our phonics lessons this term in preparation for phonics screening in the summer. I will be hosting information meeting on Thursday 6th February (after school) to provide more information about the screening check, provide guidance about how you can support your child at home and answer any questions you may have. Hope to see you there!

Reading:

Please continue to read with your child, try to at least 3 times a week. 5 minutes is enough to encourage steady progress while developing a love of reading. Children will also benefit from listening to stories regularly. This helps them to build a wider vocabulary and develop a love of books. We are committed to reading with your child once a week in school and your children will be doing guided reading sessions in small groups, Reading books will be changed on Fridays and Library books on Tuesdays.



Spelling:

Weekly spellings will be set for your child on a Monday and we will complete a test in class on Friday. Please practice the spellings at home with your child using the 'look, say, cover, write, check' method outlined in their spelling books.

Dates for your diary:

- Drama Workshop **06.02.20**
- Safer Internet Day **11.02.20**
- Phonics Information Meeting **06.02.20**
- Parent Consultations **11.02.20 & 13.02.20**
- Last Day of Half Term **14.02.20**
- Back to School **24.02.20**
- World Book Day **05.03.20**
- Open Classrooms **18.03.02**
- Last Day of Term **03.04.20**
- Food and Farming **03.07.20** (Summer Term)

Please check the school website for additions and changes to the calendar.

Learning logs

Please find a selection of optional activities that you may wish to complete to support your child's learning at home. Please only use the learning logs for topic-based learning activities.

To support the development of speaking and listening skills, your child will have the opportunity to speak to the rest of their class for about 2 or 3 minutes every week. When listening, they will have the opportunity to respond to ideas expressed by their peers. We will have a fortnightly rotation of show and tell / learning logs, dates for the Autumn term can be found below.

For the weeks when there are no Learning Logs in school, children may bring one item in to show their peers and to talk about. This item may remain in school for a few days until it has been shared with the rest of the class.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the warm welcome back and to wish you all a happy year!

I will continue to be the Doves class teacher. Mrs Kane will be teaching the class on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. We are fortunate, in Doves class, to access support from Miss Granelli and Mrs Sebborn throughout the term.

Another exciting term ahead! Please do pop in to see us if you have any queries, worries or encouragements about your child and their school life.

Best wishes,

Miss Mitchell

Show and Tell / Learning Log	Date (week beginning)
Show and Tell	13 th January
Learning Log: Woodland Animals	20 th January
Show and Tell	27 th January
Learning Log: Stories Set in the Woods	3 rd February
Show and Tell	10 th February
Half Term	
Learning Log: Woodland Art / Musical Woodland	24 th February
Show and Tell	2 nd March
Learning Log: Family Tree	9 th March
Show and Tell	16 th March
Learning Log: Garden Map	23 rd March
Show and Tell	30 th March