

Doves Class Newsletter

Spring Term



Welcome to the Spring Term...

Firstly, welcome back to Doves class! I would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and hope the children are refreshed and recharged for our new topic **Fire and Ice!** Our curriculum map taking us up to Easter can be found on the Curriculum page of our website.

Now that we have reached the Spring Term, it is a great time to reflect on the term we leave behind. I am sure you will agree that the progress and development shown by Doves Class is amazing. I am incredibly proud of the learning the children have undertaken and the progress they have managed to make. All the children are reading with ever increasing confidence and their phonic knowledge is being applied in their writing process, where enthusiasm for writing is clear to see! Your support and encouragement in this area is crucial and has allowed for all of the children to demonstrate a great ability and enthusiasm for learning. I am very much looking forward to seeing how the class continues to develop over the remainder of the year.

Throughout the remainder of this newsletter, you should find some useful information on our next steps in your child's learning as well as hints and tips on how best to support your child. I'd like to end by reminding you that I am always here to help should you have any questions or concerns. Meetings can be made via a note in the home-school record provided or through the class email address doves@hcschool.org.uk.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

Mrs Brandon

Equipment



School Uniform - Please check all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. We always check any clothes in our cloakroom daily and return them. The children will be making use of the outside areas and require a warm, waterproof coat, gloves and a hat when outside.

Water Bottles - Please ensure your child brings a labelled bottle of water to school every day. Your child will have access to their drink throughout the school day. This will be sent home regularly for cleaning.

PE Kit - Our PE lesson is on a Thursday afternoon, and therefore your child will be required to have their PE kit in school on those days. We will take some of our PE lessons outside this term, so please ensure your child has jogging bottoms, a separate jumper and trainers as well as their t-shirt and shorts. Long-hair needs to be tied back on PE days and anyone with earrings should either take them out on these days or bring in some micropore tape to cover their ears. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name to ensure that we can easily return lost items.

Forest School - This term the children in the Doves class will have the opportunity to attend forest school. Your child must come into school with wellies, spare clothes and (weather dependent) waterproofs / sun hats.



Values

January - Appreciation

February - Positivity

March - Liberty

April - Hope



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Phonics:

During Autumn term Doves Class have worked very hard to begin learning our phase 5 phonics sounds. This term we will finish learning the sounds and begin revising them and preparing for our phonics screening check. The phonics screening check is a national requirement for all year 1 children. There is an information evening scheduled about the screening, if you have any questions following this, please catch me at the end of the day or email me directly.

Dates for your diary:
Parent Consultations:
Tuesday 13th / Thursday 15th February
Phonics Information: Thursday 29th February
World Book Day: Thursday 7th March



Learning Logs

In the Learning Log just a couple of drawings/photographs with a caption or two will be sufficient. If your child wants to do more than this, please use no more than the double page with the topic label. We aren't judging the best handwriting or spelling; we are looking for imaginative ideas expressed by the children through pictures and words. We hope you will enjoy spending time with your child talking about each learning log topic with your child. Just a reminder these are not compulsory, however they do play a huge part in developing the children's confidence, fine motor and communication and language skills.



Reading

Doves should read at home three times a week for five minutes each time; please make a short note in your child's reading record to show they have read. Reading books will be changed on Mondays and Thursdays.

Thank you for your feedback in your child's reading record - this is really helpful!



Spelling

Your child will bring home a 'Home Spellings' book which is to be completed three times per week. Please help your child follow our Look, Cover, Write, Check strategy. Please ensure your child's spelling book is in school every Friday.

Spellings will be set on a Monday and will be collected in on a Friday.

Phonics

Following Phonics Information Evening, your child will bring home one piece of phonics home learning a week. Each piece of work will focus on one or two key sound to practice as we prepare for our phonics screening. This will be sent home on a Friday and does not need to be returned but if the children would like to share their work they can, of course, bring them in.

