



**A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM
RECEPTION AT NELSON SCHOOL
SPRING TERM 2021**

First of all, a big thank you to all parents for their support in the autumn term. We hope you all enjoyed our Christmas concert and had a wonderful Christmas holiday.

The Reception team are looking forward to a fun and exciting spring term. We hope to continue working in partnership with you to ensure your child's first year at school continues to be a happy and successful one.

This letter is designed to give you some helpful information about the coming term, specific to Reception. Please refer to the class notice board for more information, reminders and requests and please do not hesitate to see your child's class team if you have any specific queries.

Due to Covid-19, we will be moving to online learning for a period of time. Videos and resources to support with learning will be loaded to the online learning platform 'Microsoft Teams'. Please contact the school if you would like further support with your child's home learning.

CURRICULUM

- This first half term our overall topic is **"Where can stories take us?"** when we will be exploring traditional and well-known tales with which the children may already be familiar such as Jack and the Beanstalk. In the second half term our topic will be **"What is living in our environment?"** where, amongst other things, we will be finding out about **"new life."**
- As always, we encourage children to contribute to our topics in school and children may be invited to bring in topic-related items of interest.
- As well as this, in keeping with Reception good practice and ethos, we also continue to respond to children's interests and ideas and incorporate them, where possible, into our curriculum and learning.
- This year in March, we are happy to say we will be welcoming to Reception the ever popular "ready -to- hatch" eggs. We will be taking delivery of 2 incubators, each with 10 eggs, which will all hopefully hatch into fluffy chicks. During the two weeks, the children will be able to witness the wonder of new life at first hand! (Covid-19 dependent.)



LEARNING JOURNEYS



Your child will continue to focus on their own individual Learning Journey. Again, we will ask you to share your child's "WOW" moments with us! These provide an opportunity for you and your child to share, with the class, any significant moments in development and achievement, which you identify.



PARENT READERS



We are hoping that soon we will be able to have parents into class to help with reading. We will keep you informed if this is possible.



READING



We are happy to say Reception children are making great progress both with their understanding of phonics and with their general reading skills. Most importantly, the children are developing a genuine enjoyment of reading. Thank you for your continued support with this by reading at home and practising with the "Sound Books" and tricky words. We will continue to send new books home each week. (Resources to support with reading will be put on 'teams' for you to access.)



NAMED PROPERTY



May we remind you - please remember to label **ALL** children's clothing, snack pots and water bottles, etc with your child's name.



RECEPTION PARENT CONSULTATIONS

More information will follow shortly.



RECEPTION CAKE SALES

To be determined due to the current Covid situation.



We hope you have found this information helpful. We aim to keep parents as involved and informed as possible. Please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher or other members of the Reception team if you have a question or just wish to have a chat about any of the above.



**Best wishes and thank you for your support
The Reception Team**

