

Year R Newsletter

Terms 3 and 4



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Dear Parents

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your children had an enjoyable Christmas break. May we take this opportunity to thank you for the many wonderful gifts, cards and messages you gave to us for Christmas - they were very much appreciated.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Our Day

8:50 - Beginning of school
10:30-10:45 – Playtime
12:00-1:15pm – Lunchtime
3:10pm- End of school

Facebook

It is so fantastic to have so many of you involved on Leo's Facebook page - it is updated daily in order to give you an insight into your child's day. If you would like to join the page, please search for 'Leo the Learning Lion (2017 Starters)' and request membership. Even if you don't use Facebook for anything else, it is a great way for you to see what is going on in Reception.

Home Learning

Please encourage your child to continue to read their personalised reading texts at home and encourage them to identify initial sounds and words in their books. We are in the process of allocating commercial reading texts when we feel it is appropriate, to ensure their reading skills and enjoyment of reading continues to flourish. Please point out any environmental print such as words, letters or numbers that you see around, as this gives so much purpose to our learning.

Themes

We have started off our term by continuing celebrations linking it to the journey of the Three Kings at Epiphany. We held a French Day, where the children experienced a typical French school snack with baguette, chocolate and a hot chocolate drink. We learnt some French words and the popular French song 'Frere Jacques'.

Our main theme for this term is 'Shh! We have a plan' based on the book by Chris Haughton. This lends itself to building decision making, sequencing and problem solving skills, in addition to encouraging questioning and team work, all of which are fundamental skills in Early Years. We anticipate using this as a basis for some of our maths learning, reading and writing.

Next term, we will be learning about journeys under the title 'Ready, Steady, Go!'

Equipment

With the onset of winter, many of the children are coming to school with hats, scarves and gloves. **Please do ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly marked with their name.** We will be using the outside area in Reception and around the school, so it is important for children to have a showerproof hood or hat.

PE Kit

Please could you send your child in with a school PE kit, which is available for purchase at the school office. Please could these be in school by Friday 19th January. The children may wear plimsolls or have bare feet - this is your choice to make, as they will be indoors. If your child has any foot infections, please let us know.

Chinese New Year

As part of exploring other cultures, we will also be discovering how the Chinese New Year is celebrated and we will be parading around the village on **Monday 5th February, leaving school at 1:45pm.** You are more than welcome to come and watch as we walk round the village with the rest of Key Stage 1.