

Pre/Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school!

This month we are continuing to build on the children's previously learned skills and knowledge with a cross curricular topic – Peter and the wolf.

A few tips and reminders to help your child make the most of their school days;

- Please ensure your child gets enough sleep – research shows tired children do not retain learned information as well as those who get the recommended 10 – 12 hours sleep. This means children should be going to bed at around 7 - 8pm each night if they get up at 7am. Children get used to routines and they can usually be changed using the right methods. If you need help with a sleep program for your child please ask and we will do our best to support you.
- Please send your child to school in shoes with Velcro fasteners (not laces), unless they can tie their own laces. We encourage them to be independent wherever possible including feeding themselves, pouring drinks and dressing themselves.
- Expect high standards of behaviour and give your child responsibility for small tasks at home. Thank them and value their contributions however small. Let them make mistakes and encourage them to think of another way to try, discourage 'giving up'. Children with high levels of personal independence and perseverance show more ability to think laterally, problem solve and generally learn more easily.
- Coats/Jackets are needed every day, hats, gloves and boots are optional but a good idea for our outdoor learning sessions. A reminder that a change of clothes should be sent or kept at school for those occasional accidents.

An outline of our planned programme is below with each curriculum area shown.

CLL -Communication Literacy & Language – Children will be bringing home reading books and working through levels according to their individual progress and ability. Please read each day with your child to help them maximise progress. Children should learn that a story has a beginning, a middle and an end, and those stories can contain ideas, opinions and messages.

PSE – Personal social emotional – Children will be learning about their own and others feelings. They will learn ways to negotiate with their friends to ensure fairness. We will be reviewing class rules and discussing reasons why we have these rules.

PD – Physical development – Children will be developing more hand eye coordination and fine motor control using a variety of throwing and catching, also threading using beads, natural materials and felt.

PSRN – Problem solving, reasoning and numeracy – Children will continue to construct 3D objects using a variety of materials, we will work hard on numeral writing and matching numerals with their number name.

KUW – Knowledge and understanding of the world – Children will investigate properties of solids and liquids and investigate the world for frozen or watery environments. We hope to have some snow this month to help us learn about 'state of matter' (liquids & solids). Children will be encouraged to use ICT to answer questions and to find more information about a topic.

CD – Creative development – Children will be experimenting with colour blending and using this knowledge to create different effects. We will also be moving to music and listening to different instruments.

Please contact us for any further information regarding our planned programme or your child's individual learning.

Kind regards

Miss Leigh & Miss Nurcan

