



Drew Primary School Nursery Newsletter- Spring Term

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A new term...a new learning journey!

Spring term has started incredibly well with all of you coming back from your winter break full of enthusiasm! We are really excited to see how well the children have settled into school and all your enthusiasm and support to ensure that every day children come to school ready to learn and gain new experiences. We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** for all your help and support as well as for your interest and participation in all the events that we have organised so far and all the routines that we have put in place to reinforce children's learning. We look forward to sharing a lot more experiences with you during our new learning journey this term!

Some reminders...

Timings:

Just a kind reminder that the school gate opens at **8.45am/12:15 pm** and closes promptly at **8.55am/12:25 pm**. If you arrive after this time, please enter the school using the main entrance; your child will also receive a late mark in the register.

At the end of the school day, the gate is open between **11.35 am** and **11.45am** in the morning **3.05pm** and **3.15pm** in the afternoon. Nursery children finish school at **3.15pm**; we appreciate you are here by **3.15pm** to collect your child on time.

After 3:15 pm. your children will be marked as late and will be collected from the office.

If you are running late please phone the Office so that we can reassure your child that you are on the way. If someone different is picking up your child please let us know; we are unable to dismiss children with unauthorised adults.

Labelling clothes:

Please ensure that your child's uniform, spare clothes, jacket, water bottle (if any) and school bag have been labelled; this helps us support your child in their independence and prevents lost property and missing items at the end of the day.

School Uniform:

Thank you for ensuring that your child comes to school in the correct uniform every day. Our school uniform consists of a white shirt and blue jumper with grey trousers or skirt/dress and plain black shoes/trainers. Unless worn for religious reasons, jewellery is **NOT** permitted in school due to health and safety reasons. Thank you for your cooperation.

Shake and Bake:

We are really grateful for your continuous support through your voluntary contribution to our Shake and Bake every Tuesday. This amount enables us to support curriculum learning with extras such as cooking, play dough as well as food for our pets (our rabbit and two guinea pigs) and many other items that makes learning fun.

Class Teddy Bear

A huge thank you for your beautiful photos and the time that you spend writing about all the amazing things that you do with our class bear. Our class bear is a way to celebrate children's achievements and a reward for exceptional behaviour.

A kind reminder that the class bear needs to be returned on Thursday the week after you take it at home so the child can share their experiences with Bear during Circle Time on Friday.

Homework

A kind reminder that the projects for this half term are due on Friday 2nd February. We look forward to reading your recipes and making our class 'Recipe Book' with all your favourite recipes. We will arrange our food around the world soon so we look forward to seeing you all there!

Our Topics

Spring 1: Around the World. This half term our focus is on developing an understanding of the world and learning about different countries and communities. We are learning about similarities and differences that we have with people around us and identify special features of different communities. Our core books this half term are:

Handa's Surprise by Eileen Brown and Lima's Red Hot Chilli by David Mills

Spring 2: Growing. Next half term our focus is on developing an understanding of the world and learning about different plants and animals and the way they grow. We will be learning about healthy eating and looking after animals and the environment. Our core books next half term will be:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle and Jack and the Beanstalk

RWI

On Monday 22nd January we will start our sound learning sessions in Nursery using the RWI scheme, that is designed to create fluent readers, confident speakers and willing writers.

We would like to invite you to a workshop on RWI on Thursday 18th January at 9 am. During this workshop, you will be introduced to the scheme and its structure and you will learn about its great impact on children's literacy learning and the ways we can reinforce it to ensure that our children reach their full potential.

Implementing RWI to our timetable we will introduce a range of activities that will engage children to the amazing learning of sounds and word formation. As a part of these activities, we will link our Show and Tell to our sound learning. So, as of the week commencing on 22nd January we will ONLY have Show and Tell on Fridays. Each Friday children need to bring a toy from home that starts with one of the three sounds that we will be learning that week. You will be updated on a weekly basis about our new sounds. Please remember that we are learning the sound of the letter rather than the name of the letter. So, for example, for the letter 'a' the children could bring in an apple but not an aeroplane.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to talk to a member of the team.

Once again thank you for your continuous support. Together we can make a huge difference to the children's learning.

Kind regards

The Nursery Team