



Class R Newsletter Spring 1 - Our World and Beyond

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break. I look forward to seeing and hearing what the children have enjoyed most. Last term was a particularly busy one and I would just like to share how proud I am of the children for their hard work. This term we will be introducing 'show and tell'. Each week we will ask two children (and parents) to prepare something to share on a Friday afternoon with the class. This can be something they do as a hobby, something that is special to them, or something they simply favour that week and want to share with the class.

Additional Items

A reminder that our PE days are **Thursday** and **Friday**, with Mr Mitchell/Mr Lacey. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit and trainers on these days. Forest school will not take place this term, however we are hoping to engage with our class mud kitchen and outdoor areas more frequently. With this in mind, we would like to request that children bring their wellies (NAMED) in a small carrier bag that can be kept at school for this term.

Reading at Home

A polite reminder to please ensure ALL your child's reading books and diary are sent into school each day. We're so pleased that we are well on our way to achieving 100 reads as part of the whole school challenge. Please do continue to log in diaries when you have read.

Theme

This term we will be looking closely at our wonderful world and beyond it. We will explore the globe, diving deep into the oceans; become explorers, investigating the polar regions, and making comparisons to our own environment; finishing our term with a journey into space. If throughout this term you participate in any family activities that link to our topic, then please do share this with us. Photos are always encouraged; the children absolutely love having their time to shine and share what they get up to outside of school.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via Yammer or via classr@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk

Best Wishes

Miss Mayfield

Dates for your diary

W/C 23rd January

Dental Hygiene Week
– Please send a new(unused) toothbrush into school



Curriculum Overview

Our topic this term is **Our World and Beyond**.

Area of Learning		Learning Intentions
Prime Areas	Communication and Language	Developing a broader vocabulary and begin to apply in conversations. Recognising the structure of communication.
	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Looking after yourself – Dental Hygiene (please note this follows on from last term) Finding ways to resolve conflicts. Secure in school routines and expectations. Developing the confidence to explore new situations. Participating in varying group activities.
	Physical Development	Refining movements, negotiating space with control. Adding detail to shapes and objects. Controlling mark making, particularly when writing.
Specific Areas	Literacy	Answering questions about the content of stories. Choosing stories to read independently. Participating in whole class reading. Developing clear sentence structures. Revisiting familiar authors.
	Mathematics	Subitising numbers to 5. Counting on from a given number. Identifying patterns in number system. Exploring odds and evens. Units of measure.
	Understanding the World	Understanding events outside of own timeline. Identifying locations beyond own and how they are represented in different ways. Carrying out investigations.
	Expressive Arts and Design	Participating in detailed, self-directed role play. Talking about music, what it sounds like. Making clearer and identifiable creations.
RE		Our wonderful world: How can we care for the living things and the Earth?
Core Texts		