

# Foundation Stage Newsletter

## Spring 1 2019



### Have a great Christmas and we will see you in the new year.

Another busy term is over and the children have been working extremely hard. Thank you to those parents who attended the Foundation Christmas singing performance and supplied a Christmas jumper for them to wear. I am sure you will agree, the children were really brave for standing on the stage and singing their favourite Christmas songs.

#### Foundation Team:

Foundation Area Leader - Mr Killick

Caterpillar Class Teachers - Mrs Walsh (Monday - Thursday)

Mrs Baker (Wednesday pm and Friday)

Chestnut Class Teacher - Mrs Ellis

Nursery Nurses - Miss Whitmee, Miss Eastaff and Miss Farmer

Teaching Assistant - Miss Mitchell

PE Teacher - Mr Simmons



#### Special Days:

To kick-start our topic on 'Owl Babies' we will be having some birds of prey visit our school. If you have not already, and would like to make a voluntary contribution of £3 towards the cost of this visit, please send your contribution into the school office.

We will also be having a 'Woodland Creature Dress Up' Day in which your child can come to school dressed as their favourite woodland creature. This does not need to be an extravagant costume. Your child could come in with a mask or their face painted etc. This will excite the children to learn about a range of woodland creatures, which they can use when innovating the story of 'Owl Babies'. This will be on **Friday 11th January 2019.**



#### School Milk

Children under 5 are entitled to free milk at school. Once your child turns 5 you can pay for them to continue to receive milk.

In order for your child to receive milk each day you must register using the following link:



<http://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>

#### Important Dates

##### **January: Our value is Courage**

Wednesday 9th - Owls visit

Friday 11th - Woodland Creature Dress Up

##### **February: Our value is Love**

Friday 15th - Non-School Uniform Day

Friday 15th - Headteacher's Treat

##### **February Half Term:**

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd

**Teacher Training Day**  
Monday 25th February

**Children back in school**  
Tuesday 26th February

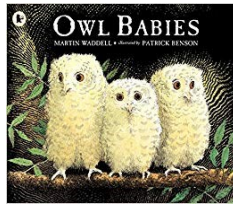
##### **First Day of Spring 1:**

Tuesday 26th February 2019



## English:

Next half term, the children will be focusing their learning on the story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell.



Throughout the half term, the children's learning will be based around the story in which they will complete a range of activities to support their knowledge of the story.

The children will learn to recite the story by orally retelling and acting out. The children will then innovate the story to create their own version using different woodland creatures.

Your child will also continue to invent their own stories by creating story maps to support oral retelling of made up stories.

You can help by supporting them to retell the story.

## Maths:

In Maths, the children will begin to explore division as sharing before understanding doubling and halving.

The children will be learning to solve mathematical problems, in which your child will need to demonstrate their understanding of these skills.

Later on in the term, the children will explore measurement. Your child will be learning all about measuring length, time and money.

You can support your child at home by beginning to tell the time and teaching them to recognise coins.



## PE

We recommend that all children continue to have their PE kits in school from Monday to Friday, in case we need to change the timetable.

For health and safety reasons, it is important that all children wear the correct clothing for PE and jewellery is kept to one pair of studs only, which will be covered by tape. If your child gets distressed by having their earrings covered by tape, please remove their earrings on PE days.



**Foundation PE days are: Monday and Tuesday**

Please ensure that all school uniform and PE kit is labelled with your child's name.



Mr Killick is extremely proud of all the Foundation children and the progress they have been making in Read, Write, Inc.

The children have been reassessed and organised into new groups for after the

Christmas holidays. Some children will begin to read some longer texts during these Read, Write, Inc sessions as well as continuing to use their phonic knowledge to read and spell common words.

At home, continue to support your child by reading with them every day as well as practising their letter formation of the sounds. Remember to complete your child's reading record when you read with them at home.

This link will give you more information about pronouncing the sounds accurately.

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/>

## Assembly

After Christmas, the Foundation will start to attend whole class assemblies.

The children will start by attending assembly on Friday mornings for Golden Assembly.

If your child is chosen as Golden Pupil, you will receive a text inviting you to attend the assembly which starts at 8:45am until approximately 9:15am.

