



South Gosforth First School
EYFS Half Termly News



Spring Term 1 January 2022



Happy New Year to you all!
We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and got to spend precious time with families and friends. It was wonderful to see the children so happy as they arrived in school on Tuesday and excitedly told us all about their holidays. We are so proud of how well they have settled back into the routines of school life and have adapted to our new timetable that we will send attached to this newsletter.

Phonics

We will continue with our daily Phonics sessions this half term using the "Little Wandle" scheme. Each week, we will send the new sounds that we have learnt home as flashcards. Please could you help your child to learn these new sounds and also to continue practising and revising all of the previous sounds we have learnt.

Mathematics

This half term, we will be continuing to develop an understanding of the composition of number. We will also begin work on addition, starting with the addition of pirate coins and treasure!



Reading

Many thanks for your support with reading at home. We will continue to send three reading books home each week:

Book 1: Little Wandle "Big Cat" e-book that the children will have read previously during their three reading sessions in school. The aim of this book is to provide further consolidation and practice which is vitally important to help to develop children's fluency when reading.

Book 2: A further phonic book from our school selection will also be sent home. This book will align with the phonic phase that your child is working at and will enable your child to apply their phonic skills using sounds that they have recently learnt.

Book 3: Each child will also choose a library book that is read for enjoyment and an adult will share with them. This can be any book chosen from the school library.

Puffin Class will visit the library every **Thursday** and Robin Class will have their library session every **Friday**.

We will collect all Reading Folders and books in on a **Thursday** so that we can ensure that the children have the appropriate new book ready to bring home on Friday, so please ensure that these are in your child's bag every Thursday.

Please can we also remind parents and carers to sign and comment in your child's Reading Record book each time you hear your child read (both the Little Wandle e-book and their other Phonic book). It is very useful for us to see your comments so that we know how well your child has managed reading the book at home.

P.E.



This half term, we will have PE every **Monday.**

The children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits every Monday. They will need to wear their PE T-shirt, school jumper or cardigan, dark tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Writing

We are so proud of the progress that the children have made with writing so far this year. This half term, we will focus our writing on our themes of Pirates and Superheroes and will continue with our Talk for Writing units.

Each morning the children will have a handwriting session, focusing on the letter formation of a particular letter.

We will sometimes send letter formation practice as part of our homework activities so that your child can have further practice at home.



Thank you for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to working with the children and yourselves this term.



Tapestry

Many thanks to those of you who have been sending the signed weekly homework timetable, photos and videos to us on Tapestry. We love seeing the activities that the children have been doing at home and how much they have remembered from their learning in school and greatly appreciate your support with this.

We will continue to send the homework timetable to you in the documents section of Tapestry on a Friday.

We do also post weekly updates of what we have been getting up to in Reception on our school Twitter page, @SouthGosforthFS, and our Facebook page, so look out for any updates on there.



Dates For Your Diary

Friday 28th January -

Teacher Training Day (no children in school)

Friday 21st January -

To end our Pirate theme, we would like to have a Pirate Day and invite the children to come to school dressed as a pirate for the day. Please do not worry about buying a pirate costume if you do not have one, a stripy t-shirt and jeans or leggings make a perfect pirate costume!

Tuesday 8th February -

Height and weight checks in school.

Friday 18th February -

Finish school for half term.

Thursday 3rd March -

World Book Day (more information about this will be sent to you nearer the time).

