

Early Years Newsletter Spring 2019



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Dear Parents

As we approach the Easter holidays I thought I would let you know about the learning we have done in Elm class this half term. We have been lucky to have Miss Payne working with us as part of her teacher training this term. We will miss her as she returns to University next week.



Our Learning Journey

This half term we have been exploring the world of fairy tales. We have noticed how much the children enjoy these stories and how motivated they have been to do lots of learning based on them. Their class assembly certainly proved this!

We have used the stories to think about the characters, settings and events, the structure of the tale and what happens in the end. We hoped to encourage the children to become writers with this topic and begin to use story language they have picked up in the well-known tales.

We have used the stories to think about lots of other areas in the curriculum including maths and science; growing beans, and using timers and clocks and exploring materials to keep the 3 Billy Goats Gruff hooves quiet!

Of course our trip to Forest School helped to add interest and excitement to what we were doing and the children really loved all of the activities we did there.

Parent feedback

It was lovely to meet so many of you at parents evenings to discuss how your child is progressing. Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you are unsure about what we are doing and how you can help your child at home.

I would be grateful if you could complete the attached form to show me how you think your child is linking their learning to home. Many of you told me stories of how they are now writing birthday cards for friends and family or recognising signs as they walk to and from school. These are great examples of their learning developing outside of school and we like to have a record of this and celebrate it.

PE information

Elm class now has PE on Wednesdays and the children are now much better at getting changed and looking after their own belongings. To support this, please ensure that your child has the correct, named PE clothes in school, remove earrings on these days and tie up long hair.

If your child attends Karate in school please ensure PE kits are returned in time for PE lessons in school.

Help Required!

We are continuing to develop our garden area and mud kitchen in our outside area. If you have any old kitchen equipment that you could donate for this- saucepans, utensils, plastic bowls etc. We could even do with an old sink and kitchen cabinet if you are thinking of getting rid of one! The children really enjoy playing outside and although we do try to make sure they are suitably dressed, clothes can become wet or muddy. You may like to provide them with their own wellies for outside play.

If your child is sent home with a change of clothes/underwear for any reason, please wash and return them as soon as possible.

Thinking ahead to when we should have warmer weather, I would like to add more resources to our outside area for the children to use and explore. Here is a list of possible items you may be able to help with.

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| Cardboard boxes Egg boxes Sticks Stones and pebbles Bricks Tyres Planks (smooth) Wood chips Small logs/Big logs Crates , poles and pegs for den building Pine cones , conkers and other natural objects Shells Shiny objects Containers from take away food | Pots pans; Interesting pots/ e.g. tea and coffee pots....metal Small Metal baking trays Plastic plates, cups e.g.. old camping equipment socks /gloves paired Palettes |
| Small pieces of fabric Odds and ends of wool Old cards e.g. birthday and Christmas Envelopes Notebooks Wallpaper rolls or odd ends of paper roll Large paint brushes or rollers | Toys your child may have grown out of: Dolls, pushchair/pram Dolls house Dolls clothes Farm sets Duplo and boards Cars , trains Animals and dinosaurs |

Many Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Reynolds and the Early Years Team.