

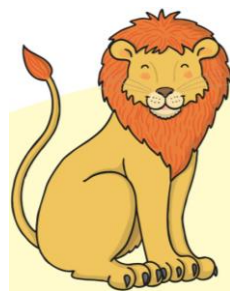
Parents Morning (Wednesday 16th January)

We are inviting all Parents to attend the open morning. Once we have registered the children parents will be encouraged to look through children's books, learning journals and to ask any questions in preparation for their child achieving an 'expected level of development' for the end of the school year.

There will be a brief powerpoint where I will display end of year expectations on the board and I will also share samples of work that is expected of a child to be achieving by the end of the year.

If you have any further questions please ask a member of staff in our Reception class.

Lion Class – Parents Letter



Term 2a

Dates for your diary



Tuesdays & Wednesdays – We will continue to 'Move with Peppa' and our weekly PE sessions.

Friday 11th January – Immunizations
Wednesday 16th January – Reception Parents morning.

Wednesday 16th January – School Nurse in for checkups.

Friday 15th February – Break up for February Half Term.

Monday 25th February – School opens.

Friday 5th April – Break up for the end of Term

Tuesday 23rd April – School opens.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Taylor to Lion Class as Mrs Holliday will now be working in Nursery full time. Mrs Taylor will be joining us on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Mrs Paine will continue to work with us every morning and for the other three afternoons.

Welcome back everyone!
We hope you had a wonderful Christmas! All of the staff in Lion Class would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all of the cards and presents that we received.
We wish everyone the best for the year ahead.

Phonics

Phase 3 phonics: Children will continue to learn different sounds daily. They will also be learning to read the Phase 3 tricky words and high frequency words. They will be learning to blend and segment by reading and writing short sentences.

Phase 4 phonics: Phase 4 phonics focuses on reading and spelling words with more than three phonemes. Children will now learn to spell Phase 3 tricky words and high frequency words, and will be introduced to reading Phase 4 tricky words.

Literacy

Writing – This half term we will be writing a variety of different genres. Our writing will be based on the books that we will be looking at, which are: Pirate Pete's Treasure, Pizza for Pirates, Mungo, The Pirates Next Door, Night Pirates, Captain Flinn & the Dinosaurs.

Reading – We will continue to have two guided reading sessions per week, which focus on the sounds that children have been learning in their phonics sessions. There will now be more of a focus on comprehension activities where children have to answer questions about the books that they read.

Maths

Each week we will be focusing on a different area of mathematics.

These will include:

- Using positional language
- Learning about and comparing different capacities
- Money
- Repeated patterns
- Using the language of time
- Counting to and recognizing numerals to 20
- Finding one more and one less
- Learning to add and subtract using objects
- Halving and Sharing

Topic overview

This term our topic is 'Pirates'.

Our areas of provision will have enhancements and activities which will be based around the theme of Pirates.

We will be building Pirate ships and looking at how different materials float and sink.

We will be learning a Pirate song.

Baking

We will continue to bake every other week with the children. As we did not have the opportunity to bake last Half Term we will not be asking for any donations.