



Whiteknights

Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We were really proud of how well the children settled into school last half term and we are all looking forward to another half term of rich, exciting learning opportunities. To give you a clearer picture of what we are learning in the coming half term, alongside the knowledge organisers, we have attached an outline of the topics that we will teach and the books we will be reading. In addition, we have set out a few reminders that will help the half term run smoothly and enable your child to make the best possible progress with their learning.

What does my child need to bring into school with them daily?

- A Whiteknights book bag with their reading record inside every day.
- A water bottle with fresh water daily.
- Spare uniform, including underwear and socks in a plastic bag.
- Appropriate clothing- coats on cold days and sunhats on hot days.
- PE kit, in a Whiteknights PE drawstring bag, every Monday, ready for our Wednesday session.

Early Years is an incredibly important year for all children, as the progress they make in their early development sets them up as life-long learners. We also know how powerful development and learning is outside of school hours. Therefore, the expectations for home learning are as follows:

- **Reading:** We expect the children to read at home daily with an adult, as this is an imperative routine to embed.
- **Counting:** Learning to count from 0-10 forwards and backwards, in a range of ways such as singing songs or counting the stairs as they walk.
- **Writing:** Support with learning to write their own name.
- **Independence:** Learning how to dress and undress themselves, including taking off their jumpers and zipping up their coats.

PE: This week, the children enjoyed their first PE lesson and have impressed us with how well they can undress themselves and look after their clothes. A few reminders, children **must** bring their PE kit to school every Monday. Our PE day is **Wednesday**. The children will wear their PE kit home after every session to be washed ready for the following Monday. Trainers must be included, and when the weather is warmer, pupils must wear black shorts and a white school PE shirt (these can be purchased from the school office). However, when the weather is colder, pupils must wear dark coloured tracksuit bottoms with a dark coloured (unbranded) hoody/ sweater. As dressing is an aspect of the Early Years curriculum we will be encouraging the children to change and look after their clothes as independently as they can, so every item of clothing must be named.

Spare Clothes: Please ensure your child has a spare set of uniform including knickers or pants in a carrier bag that stays on their peg every day. This is in case they get dirty/ wet or have a toileting accident. If they do not have any spare clothes and borrow uniform from school, it all needs to be washed and returned to school.

Nature Area is open!

Our Early Years nature area, which has a giant sandpit, mud pit, construction toys, water play and a vegetable garden, will be open regularly this half term. As previously mentioned in order for the children to enjoy this area in all weathers we are asking parents to provide their child with a pair of wellies and waterproof trousers that will be kept in school. Like any uniform, please ensure everything is named.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us,

Kind regards,

Mrs O'Leary, Mrs May and Mrs Kelly



Reception

Term - Autumn 2

This sheet will give you an overview of the learning we are covering this half term.

Mathematics

Learning is split into two areas: Number and Numerical Pattern. This term your child will be exploring 5 and 6, and what the numbers mean, how each number can be represented both physically and pictorially. We will explore different ways of making these numbers and explore one more and one less. This term we will also be learning more about patterns including AAB patterns. As well as exploring measurement and capacity.

Literacy

Read, Write, Inc. will be the focus of our Literacy curriculum; developing phonetic ability and reading. Your child will continue learning set 1 sounds, which is every sound of the alphabet. The focus will be to read set 1 sounds speedily and begin to read words with these sounds in, such as, 'cat'. They will continue to learn how to recognise, read and write their name with a capital letter at the beginning.

Physical Development

This area of learning is about developing fine and gross motor skills. We will be focusing on:

- Dressing and Un-dressing.
- Cutting skills
- Pencil control with an effective pencil grip.
- Jumping, running, climbing and skipping.

Understanding the world

- What animals live in hot and cold countries
- What a habitat is
- The Christmas story.
- Explore a world map and hot and cold places in the world.
- Understand the significance of wearing a poppy.
- Know that a purple poppy is to remember animals.

Animals



Nursery Rhymes

Christmas



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Each week we will be focusing on a different 'Golden Rule' and focus on how to make and maintain friendships.

1. We are gentle
2. We listen
3. We are honest
4. We look after property
5. We are kind and helpful
6. We work hard

Expressive Arts and Design

This area incorporates music, drama, art and design and technology.

- Perform Nursery Rhymes to the other class
- Create a zoo
- Perform the Nativity to grown ups

Home learning

Please read with your child everyday and record what you have read in their reading diary.

Support your child with counting to 10 forwards and backwards.

Support your child to learn how to write their own name.

Communication and Language

- Answering the register- 'good morning or good afternoon'.
- Answering questions in full sentences
- Taking turns in group discussions
- Using taught vocabulary in sentences.
- Role-playing and re-telling familiar stories.
- Learning and performing Nursery Rhymes.

Notice Area

Reception will be doing PE every Wednesday.

Reception will be using the 'nature area' after half term so MUST have waterproof trousers and wellies in school!

Key reading books:

