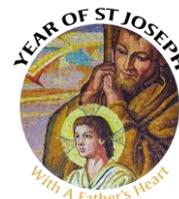




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Dear Parents and Carers,

A Happy New Year to you all! Welcome back to Spring Term 1. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. As always, I am incredibly proud of Reception and the way they have returned to school and begun the new term with confidence and resilience.

Just a few reminders:

- **Appropriate clothing** - The weather is changing, but we will still be learning outside. If you haven't already, please bring in waterproof clothing for outdoor learning. The children should be coming to school with a warm coat and gloves/hat/scarf etc every day.
- **WOW Vouchers**
Thank you for completing the WOW vouchers, Mrs Hill and I love reading them and celebrating your child's achievements. The WOW voucher template is uploaded to our class page so you can print them out if you need more or you can upload them to tapestry.
- **Show and Tell**
'Show and Tell' will continue to be on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure that your child only brings **one item** to school. Show and tell items have included photographs, writing, cuddly toys, toy cars, etc.
- **Wheelie Wednesday**
Again, this will continue to be on Wednesday afternoons - the children love their sessions. Please ensure your child bring in a helmet on their wheelie Wednesday session.
- **Homework/Reading**
Homework will continue to be sent home each Friday in your child's pink homework book. Completed work needs to be handed in on **Wednesday**. Homework should be completed in **pencil**. Please support your child with their homework but allow them to complete independently. Please encourage your child to read 5 times a week to receive their reading point. Reading practice is so crucial in the Early Years.
- **Mystery Reader**
Mystery Reader will continue to be on Thursday afternoons. Please encourage parents, aunties, uncles, grandparents etc to sign up. The children get so excited when their loved ones come into school and share stories together. Please speak to Mrs Hill or myself if you would like to sign up.

Just to remind you, as the children learn new sounds in school, we are continuing to post these on the website to help you to support your child at home. These early stages of learning to read are vitally important, the more the children practice, the better they become! Daily practise of their flash cards- tricky words- also secures these words more quickly.

We are now looking at a new topic called 'Donaldson's Delights' where we will be focusing on a different Julia Donaldson text each week. Remember to look at our class blog each Friday to see what the children have been learning about! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. You can email me at slt@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely

Miss Jessica Berry

Reception Class Teacher