

# Year R Newsletter

March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

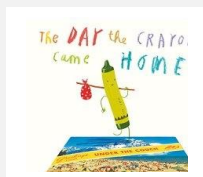
Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half term. The children have already started their learning on 'The Gruffalo' and have been busy making maps and exploring new language in the story. We will be exploring other books by Julia Donaldson this term and our Rainbow Room has been set up with activities to showcase her fantastic range of stories which are already grabbing the children's interests.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we have been reading the text 'The Day the Crayons Came Home'. Unfortunately, our crayons heard the story and have disappeared from our classrooms. We are currently working very hard to tempt them back with letters and gifts that prove we really do care about them!

It was a lovely opportunity to share your child's learning and progress with you all at parents evening this week. We hope you enjoyed looking through their learning journeys so far!

Kind regards,

The Year R Team



## Polite reminders...

Please can we remind you that your children's packed lunches should not contain any nut based product as we have children in school with allergies, nor should sweets be in packed lunches.

Girl's hair should be tied back and only small, subtle hair accessories are to be used to hold hair back.

Earrings must be removed for P.E by the child and kept in a small pot in their tray. If they cannot remove them by themselves, can they please not be worn on PE day.

If your child wishes to bring in something to share with their class, they must ask permission from you first so that you can check it is something really special such as a souvenir from a day trip out or a photo of a new addition to the family. Toys are not allowed in school for showing purposes. We also encourage children to write a label to accompany their object so we know what it is or why it is special to them.

Unfortunately, we have noticed an increase in the number of pupils at school with diarrhoea and vomiting coming into school. These symptoms are consistent with those of Norovirus. Norovirus is very infectious. If your child develops these symptoms and to prevent further cases in school we would ask you to keep your child at home for at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting (this is national guidance).

Thank you

## Free and Found!

We are looking for items to help us improve our outdoor area for the children in Year R. A nature area is one of the developments we are hoping to achieve this term along with a new, improved texture kitchen. In order to achieve high quality provision in these areas, we would greatly appreciate donations of any of the following:

- Kitchen utensils
- Pots, pans, jugs, plastic jars.
- Soil
- Seeds (plants or herbs)
- Plants pots (large or small, any material)
- Established herbs or plants
- Logs
- Wall hanging pots

## Dates for the Diary

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Last Day of term

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** – Term 5 starts

## What will we be learning about this term?

**Topics:** 'Would you have tea with the Gruffalo?' and 'Why did Old MacDonald have a farm?'

**Literacy:** Phase 3 – digraphs and trigraphs (qu, ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, ar and or). Reading tricky words by sight – he, she, we, be, me, my, was, you. Writing instructions, stories and letters.

**Maths:** Measuring weight and capacity (non-standard), counting on and back to 20, number bonds to ten, distance and position. Creating a map and measuring ingredients.

**Understanding of the World:** Making observations of a spring plant and talking about growth, decay and change (food and plants). Using a map to talk about journeys and places. Using cameras to record our learning and programming beebots to complete a journey. Easter celebrations.

## FOREST SCHOOL

It is not too late to volunteer to join in with your child's forest school sessions! Parents are always welcome and so far, have been a great help in supporting the children with their Forest School learning. The children are now very confident with their boundaries, Forest School call and exploring their environment confidently. Below is a list of forest school dates for each class and some reminders of how our forest school sessions work.

- Forest school takes place in practically all weathers.
- Winter forest school clothing includes wellies, hats, gloves, hats, extra socks and a waterproof layer over their coats.
- All parents/grandparents/carers of children in Year R are welcome to volunteer.
- We invite a maximum of 5 parents per session.
- We select different parents each time so everyone gets a chance.
- Parents volunteer via their child's contact book.
- Class teachers will let you know if you are needed for the session via the contact book.
- We need to know the Friday before the forest school is taking place due to requesting extra permissions for visitors to be onsite.
- Forest school starts at 9:15am.
- Parent volunteers sign in at the office after drop off and are collected by a member of the YR team.



### Term 4 dates\*

Hedgehogs - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Owls - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Bears - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Whole year group - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

### Term 5 dates\*

Hedgehogs - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Owls - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Bears - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Whole year group - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

\*These dates are subject to change.

We look forward to seeing you at our Forest School sessions!