



Glendale Infant School
January 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians YR Children

Welcome to the Spring Term.

This term we will be consolidating and extending the basic skills which were acquired by the children during the Autumn Term. As before, the children will be working in small groups, individually and as a whole class. They will be encouraged to think about what they are doing and to make their own decisions in their work.

Our topics this term are Winter, Traditional Stories, and People Who Help Us, and Chinese New Year. We may ask the children to bring things into school to enhance our topics.

Our first request is for the children to bring in three photographs of themselves: as a baby, a toddler, and a recent one. We would be most grateful for your help in this. Please put your photographs in a named envelope so that we can return them to you at the end of the term.

All children will continue to bring home a book to read this term. We would ask you to spend a little time each night sharing the book with your child. The children who are encouraged at home make good progress and also gain in confidence at school.

Basic Maths and English work will continue throughout the term, embedded in active learning and play based experiences with extension work as appropriate. All other subject areas will be covered through our topic. If it is felt that your child needs extra practice at, or consolidation of a skill taught, homework will be sent home with a brief explanation for you. We would greatly appreciate your help in this.

Although all the children have settled well into school and are happy, please feel free to come and discuss any worries or problems with us either before or after school. May we remind you that the children should be in school by 8.55a.m., ready to start lessons at 9.00a.m. If for any reason you are going to be late, please let us know.

From Monday 23rd January and in order to make the children more independent we want them to come into school on their own in the mornings - organise themselves by putting away book bags, lunch boxes etc. - without parental supervision. When dropping off, please leave your child at the classroom door from Monday 23rd January.

On occasion children have accidents in school and they have to be changed, particularly in Reception. We are asking parents to send in a spare pair of pants and socks for the children to keep in their PE bags just in case they are needed for your child. If we have to use spare clothing from school, please can you wash it and return it to us. Thank you.

Lastly, mums, dads, grandparents, even if you only have an odd hour to spare, we would love to welcome you into school. There are lots of games, books etc. to share with the children. The more input given, the more your child will benefit. All volunteers would be subject to an enhanced CRB clearance – packs available from the office, and would work in a different Reception class to their child.

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Knowledge & Understanding
Sorting Summer/Winter clothes
North and South Pole
Weather
What uses electricity?
Sound – loud/quiet
People who help us
Day/night animals
Baby animals
Growing
Chinese New Year
Tasting food from China

Literacy
Non-fiction winter books
Rosie's Walk
Three Billy Goats
Owl Babies
Easter
Drama
Snow Bear
Non-fiction – people who help us

Spring Term
Traditional Stories
Winter
New Life
People Who Help Us
Chinese New Year

Physical
Dance
Write dance
Large apparatus
Cutting and scissor control
Balancing
Being healthy

Creative
Penguins
Map of farm yard
Painting
Mask making
Puppets
Clay modelling
CD snowflakes/snowmen
Chinese Lion Dancing

Number
Addition/subtraction
2D shapes/3D shapes
Weight
1 more/1 less
Counting in 2's, 10's, 1's
Positional language
Size
Height
Time
Money
Repeating Patterns