



Glendale Infant School
January 2015

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 the classroom.

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

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. 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.

May we remind you that the classroom doors open at 8.50a.m., 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.

Please can we remind you that Reception classes finish school at 2.55p.m. **If there is no-one to collect your child by 3.00p.m. he/she will be put into our After School club while we try to contact you.** If he/she is collected before 3.15p.m. the charge will be **£1.00**, any later the full charge of **£2.50** will be made.

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, to be kept in PE bags just in case they are needed. If we have to use spare clothing from school, please can you wash it and return it to us. Thank you.

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.

We are looking forward to our topics this term and hope the children also enjoy them.

Thank you.

Knowledge & Understanding
Sorting Summer/Winter clothes
North and South Pole
Weather
Baby animals
Growing
Chinese New Year
Tasting food from China
Space
People Who Help Us
Melting and Freezing
Where Food Comes From

Literacy
Non-fiction winter books
Easter
Drama
Snow Bear
Non-fiction – space
Non-fiction – people who help us

Physical
Dance
Large apparatus
Cutting and scissor control
Balancing
Being healthy
Junk Modelling

Spring Term
People Who Help Us

Winter
New Life
Space
Chinese New Year
Farm

Creative
Snowmen
Painting
Mask making
Puppets
Clay modelling
Chinese Lion Dancing

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