

## EYFS Curriculum Newsletter-Spring Term (1)

### Welcome back!

Happy New Year! We hope you've all had a lovely Christmas break. The children are settling back in happily and have enjoyed telling us all about their Christmas holidays. It has been exciting hearing about their snowy fun and adventures too! Thank you so much for all the lovely gifts and cards you sent in for both myself and Miss McDonnell at the end of term.



We are excited to welcome Mr Marshall, our new Headteacher, to Clifton and look forward to lots of visits from him down in EYFS.

Our topic this half term is '**All Around the World**'. We will be learning about our world, hot/cold places, different climates and making comparisons to our climate. We will be finding out about animal classification (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals), exploring similarities and differences and finding out where animals live around the world. In PE we will be following a Rumble in the Jungle unit exploring animal movements and the EYFS fundamental movement skills. We will be focussing on composition of numbers to 5, and the part part whole model eg- 3 and 2 is a whole 5 then capacity and measure in maths. We will be continuing to make seasonal observations and comparisons and keep a weather diary. We will also enjoy our focus on Chinese New Year and Childrens Mental Health Week. It's a jam packed half term! In our role-play area this time will be a home corner again and then this will become a Chinese restaurant as we explore the Chinese New Year celebration nearer half term break.

### Reading:

Thank you for all your support with reading books last term and well done those who even managed to keep reading over Christmas! We look forward to another term of reading and phonics and the children are excited to be moving onto Phase 3. Please remember to keep working on Phase 2 as it needs to be constantly applied as they work through Phase 3. A good number of children were presented with their Phase 2 Bug Club certificate in the end of term Pride Assembly, and I look forward to awarding more over the coming weeks so keep practising.

Please do remember to write a message in the reading records daily as it really helps to show us how your child is getting along at home and which books have been read and where up too. Remember to send in your complete reading folders everyday regardless of reading day.

Some of you will notice your child is in a new reading group and/or have a new school reading day. This is to enable us to regroup the children more accurately for the teacher lead Group Guided Reading sessions that I will be starting with them this spring. Please have a look to see if your child has changed group and take note of their new reading days in school.

#### Homework:

We are thrilled with the effort being put into EYFS Home School Diaries. Most children are completing tasks each weekend but if not, I ask that you really make an effort to support your child to do so. The children are so proud to show off their homework in class and it proves so beneficial to consolidate the learning happening in school. Now we have started the Spring term, please ensure EYFS children are having a go at writing themselves in Home School Diaries as they are all able to have a go at writing simple labels/sentences/captions whether they are copywriting, using phonics mats for support or sounding out themselves. Thank you for your support. We are excited to see more of the children's writing in books from here on.

#### X (Twitter):

Have a look at what we've been busy doing on X each week! (We will only be posting pictures of children for whom we have been given consent to publish in the media and on our website). If you haven't done so already, join us on our Clifton EYFS X (Twitter) feed at:

**clifton\_fs2**

#### Our Clifton Primary School Website:

We were very excited to see the launch of our new Clifton Primary School website last year. It is continually work in progress and we are always in the process of adding content. Please check out our class page for information, important dates, events and photos!

[www.clifton-pri.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.clifton-pri.lancs.sch.uk)

### Practicalities:

- If your child has had a toilet accident at school and comes home in spare pants or uniform provided by school, please can we ask that you make sure you wash and return them. Ideally, we ask that you provide your child with their own set of **spares** and **wipes** that can be kept in a named carrier bag on their peg. Thank you.
- Please can children not bring toys, jewellery or items in from home as it causes problems and they often get lost or damaged and cause unnecessary upset and distraction, unless they are the things we have specifically requested.
- Remember to bring in water bottles with water in them. If they contain juice, this will be emptied out and replaced with water.
- Please remember to name any new water bottles, coats or jumpers or cardigans to avoid mix ups and unnecessary cost for yourselves. We have many unnamed hoodies, jumpers and cardigans at the moment. Thank you.

Finally, make sure you keep an eye on Mr Marshall's school newsletter for dates and information weekly.

Thank you for all your support.

If you have any questions, please pop in and ask.

Mrs Dixon 😊