

Welcome to the first EYFS Newsletter of the year!

We've had a great start to school and the children are settling in well. Over the next few weeks, we will be getting to know the children and giving them time to get to know one another. We will also be performing our baseline assessments for each child so that we can plan their learning for the rest of the term.

Our theme for this half term is "Me, myself and I" and is all about getting to know one another.

We will be focusing on 2 stories: **We're going on a Bear Hunt**, and **Goldilocks and the 3 Bears**.



PE – Tuesday and Thursday



We will not be doing PE for a while yet, but when we do, in line with the Covid-19 guidance, your child will need to come to school in their PE kit. **Nursery children do not need to wear a PE kit, only reception.** I will let you know when we will start to do PE, so don't worry about it yet.

I have made a mistake in telling some parents that our PE kit is a white T-shirt. It is actually supposed to be red. I am very sorry about this, but you don't need to worry. I have spoken to Mrs Northcott and explained that this is my fault as I have told people the wrong thing. She has agreed that if you have already bought a white T-shirt, the children can wear it for PE, but when you come to replace it when the children grow out of it, they will need a red T-shirt. Again, I apologise for this mistake.

Reading

Once we have completed all of our initial assessment work, the children will start to bring home reading books and a reading record book. Please read with your child as often as possible and note down the date and your initials in the reading record whenever you hear them read. Learning to read is a slow process, but it is absolutely fundamental for all future learning and incredibly important. Although we can't invite you into school, I will be looking at ways of showing you some tips and tricks to help support your child's reading at home. I will be in touch with more information later. Reading is the most important thing that you can do to support your child's learning, so please, read with and to your children!



Class Dojo and Seesaw



We use Class Dojo as a reward system at school and we also use it as a means of communicating with parents. We will send messages, announcements and post photos on Class Dojo so it's really important that you register to use it – it's free. If you need any help, please get in touch with school.

We use Seesaw to take observations of the children. We will take observations of the children every week, so you will be able to see photos, videos, voice recordings and other work that the children produce. You can also comment on their work and send messages to us. Seesaw is free and completely secure, so none of your child's work, information or data will be shared with anyone other than school and you as their parent. If you need any help to get access to Seesaw, please get in touch with school.



Thanks for your support so far this year! This term seems busier than ever after the lockdown, but the children are doing remarkably well. We really appreciate your support during this challenging time. If you have any concerns or would like to talk to a member of the EYFS team, please don't hesitate to get in contact with us over the phone.

Mr Wood and the EYFS team.