



I hope you have all had a wonderful, family filled but relaxing Christmas and Happy New Year for 2023!

The spring term is here and we will be continuing to learn about the seasons focusing on Winter as well as our topic of People Who Help Us. We are hoping to have a few visitors in school that 'help us' through our day to day lives so if anyone is willing to give up any free time and would like to talk to us about your job and how you help others, please let me know!

Here are some dates for your diary:

(Our diary is very quiet at the moment!)

- Tuesday 3rd January - Inset Day
- Wednesday 4th January - School reopens
- Sunday 22nd January - Chinese New Year (look out for our plans!)

- Friday 10th February - School finishes for half term
- Monday 20th February - Inset Day
- Tuesday 21st February - School reopens / Shrove Tuesday (look out for our plans!)

Outdoor area

We have some exciting news that we have raised enough money for the first phase of our outdoor area to be created. We are looking forward to seeing the workers closer to Easter. In the meantime, we will continue to fundraise so our pot will grow again for phase two!

Class Dojo

I will continue to try and add more photos and updates onto Class Dojo. We have a new display in class where we are collecting 'WOW' moments from in school and at home so please photograph and send in any moments that your child has - some suggestions: reading to a sibling, riding their bike without stabilisers, zipping their coat up independently, writing a sentence or their name, creating a masterpiece... the list is endless! I look forward to seeing the children's 'WOW' moments.

Please remember that I am always available to communicate with through the comment box or private message section - please don't ever hesitate to get in touch - no matter how small you think it is!

Reading books

I will continue to change reading books as and when your child brings their book back. Please ensure you have signed their record to indicate your child has read it. All the books are phonetical using sounds that we have learnt. Please encourage your child to segment (sound out) and blend (join sounds) each word together. Please also encourage fluency as they become confident readers as well as asking some questions to build their comprehension - there are question suggestions inside the front cover and back cover of the books.

Reminders:

- Coat every day the weather is still unpredictable - **Please can I encourage all Reception children to try and learn to zip up their coat!**
- Spare pair of underwear in case of emergencies, this can be kept on their peg/in their school bag
- Wellies - these can be kept on our wellie stand
- Water bottle in school every day (no juice please)
- Milk - please complete the online form
- Fruit is provided

We had a fantastic first term and I have no doubt that you are as proud as me of your child's performance in the nativity. I hope for another excellent term with even more hard work!

As always, you can contact me on Class Dojo or via email (n.cowgill@ribchester-st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mrs Cowgill