



Summercroft

Reception

January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back after what we hope was a memorable, exciting and restful Christmas break! Please can you ensure you update your child's tapestry account with any photos and messages about their Christmas break. We will share these with the class over the coming weeks. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for the gifts and cards we received in the run up to Christmas.

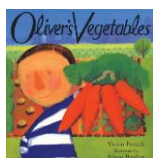


THIS HALF TERM

We will begin this half term by looking at the season 'winter'. This theme will be linked with all the areas of learning within early year's curriculum. For example, in understanding the world, we will be looking at the changes that occur during this season including the varying temperatures.

We will then move on to the topic Pirates. We will be using the quality texts 'Night Pirates' by Peter Harris, 'Pirates love Underpants' by Claire Freedman and 'The Pirate Cruncher' by Jonny Duddle. During this topic we will be having a pirate day for the children to come to school dressed up as pirates.

What a fun and exciting half term we have planned!



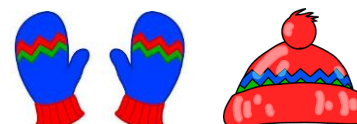
STEM WEEK

Stem week is the week commencing 11th February 2019, where we will be focussing on 'Growing'. 'STEM' stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. We will start the week by reading 'Oliver's vegetables' by Vivian French. Throughout the week we will be learning about what plants need in order to grow and growing cress, grass egg-heads and vegetables in the outside area linked to the story.



SCARVES, HATS AND GLOVES

Now that the colder weather and frosty days are upon us, can you please remember to bring in hats, scarves and gloves for your child (clearly named). We do go out in all weathers and the children thoroughly enjoy being outside! There is a labelled box in the cloakroom where they can be kept during the day.

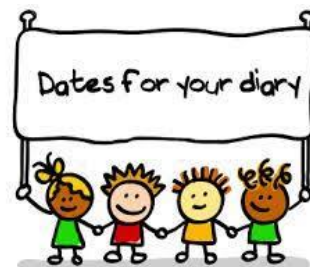




FOREST SCHOOL

Last half term the children loved experiencing Forest School. This half term the children will be continuing to develop their resilience, self-esteem and team building through a variety of games and enjoying activities based around traditional tales. We will also be looking closely at winter and the changes which we see in the woodland throughout the cold and frosty days.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



School Starts

Monday 7th January 2019

End of topic Show Case

Wednesday 6th February 2019 2.30 – 3.00pm in your child's classroom. This is an opportunity for you to come and see your child's learning during our Pirate Topic

Pirate Day

Friday 8th February 2019

STEM Week

Week commencing 11th February 2019

End of Half Term

Friday 15th February at 3:10pm.

FINALLY

We hope your child has a fun half term learning through our topics and that they come home full of talk about what they have been doing! Remember the most important thing is that your child is happy and having fun at school. We are always here if you need to talk to us. 😊

Many thanks,

Mrs Bugg and Mrs Whieldon

