

Welcome back!! Thank you again for your continued support.

Any questions or concerns please speak to a member of staff.

Mrs Pountney, Mrs Freeman, Miss Robinson, Mrs Hyde and Mrs Perks.



Please can you...

- Bring a water bottle every day
- No additional bags are needed at school - we will provide a book bag for all children
- Please bring a waterproof coat every day as we go out in all weathers!
- We are in **DESPERATE** need of spare old wellies, pants, socks and trousers- if you have any spare at home we would very much appreciate donations.

### Key Dates

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April- Return to school (Inset day 8<sup>th</sup> April)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April- Trip to Sandham Grange to sing songs to residents
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April EYFS communication workshop 9-10am
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May- Polling day
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May- Bank Holiday

### Websites

- For phonics support <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>
- Cosmic kids' yoga <https://www.youtube.com/user/cosmickidsyoga>
- Seesaw information <https://web.seesaw.me/familie>

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We will continue to develop our talk partner skills this half term as well as remembering how to demonstrate the school values. We will be looking at foods that are healthy and how we can stay fit and well as part of our Jigsaw lessons.

## **Physical Development**

We have recently had brand new helmets to use when riding our balance bikes and we have loved using them this year so far! We will also continue to hold our pencil effectively and form lots of our letters accurately as well as becoming more confident when drawing with detail.

## **Literacy**

Our focus stories this half term are all based on going on a journey- we will be reading 'The Gruffalo', 'The Troll', 'Superworm' and many more! We will be practising the skills we need in writing to help us write sentences independently. These skills are matching letter shapes to a sound, hearing and saying sounds in words, composing a sentence, writing each word we need and then reading it through to check that it make sense. We will also practise recognising and spelling a range of tricky words- please have a look at the list that was sent out at parent's evening.

## **Communication and Language**

This half term our Talk for write text is 'The Three Billy goats Gruff'. We will be learning the story with actions then retelling to and adapting it to make a brand-new story! We are also be starting 'Drawing Club' where we be using stories to help us develop our language and compose sentences. Listening to our friends as well as our teachers is still important, and learning to take turns in conversations will help us to build relationships with everyone in the class.

## **Maths**

This term we will be moving onto to developing a deep understanding of numbers from to 10 and beyond. We will be looking at patterns within the number system, counting to 20 and beyond and consolidating lots of the skills we have developed so far including doubling, sharing, finding out whether a number is odd or even and adding and subtracting.

## **Understanding the World**

We will be looking at changes that happen in the outside area, seasonal changes and exploring topics such as finding out what might we find in a cave or who might live in a forest. We will also look at creatures that live underground and name a range of animals that we may see who live here as well as in other countries. We will learn about some of the similarities and differences in these animals and their habitats.

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

The skills we will be developing this half term are drawing with accuracy, painting with detail and care selecting colours for a purpose and finding ways to attach things together. We will continue to act out stories using props and actions as well as learning a range of songs that support our learning in the classroom.