

Year R Newsletter – Issue 4

Monsters

We have now started our new topic called 'Monsters'. This topic features a well-known monster! Can you guess who? He has purple prickles all over his back! The children will be learning the story and learning to write it themselves. They will be painting the characters and using various media to decorate their painting. In maths they will be learning about sharing which is the first step to understand division. They will also continue to work on number recognition, number writing and accurately counting amounts. Please play number games, counting games and number puzzles to reinforce this learning.



Please read as many books featuring monsters as possible. If your child wants to read the same book over and over again please let them. When children know a book verbally it makes such a difference to their vocabulary.



Decoration Day

As Christmas looms ever closer in school we start preparing for the festive season, we will start learning the Nativity story and some songs for our Nativity play. We also hold a special day called 'Decorations day'. During this special event we spend the whole day making a variety of things for Christmas. This year the whole school has a recycling theme and that is where you come in. We need lots and lots of cardboard tubes so please donate any kitchen roll or toilet roll tubes that you have.

School Trips

Year R children will be going on two school trips this year. One is to Alice Holt Country Park to investigate the habitat and the other will be to The Blue Reef Aquarium to have hands on experiences of the variety of sea creatures there. We have calculated the trips to cost £23.50. We will be sending out a letter confirming this at the beginning of the spring term.

Book Bags

Please can you ensure that your child brings their book bag to school **every day** and that it includes all of the following: high frequency word list, 'spot' reading book, library book and their reading message book. We do read with the children regularly and write in their reading message book and this is easier to do if they have the correct items with them.

Please ensure that you do check your child's book bag daily as they often have important items in there. Some children have very full book bags with important information in them which may result in you missing out on key events and deadlines.

Outdoor wear

Most children now have got warm coats in school every day, thank you to all parents. As we move further into winter and hats, gloves and scarves appear, could we ask that you ensure they are named, as they are easily misplaced, names help us reunite them quickly with their owners.

We do use the outdoor learning space every day, whatever the weather so please ensure that children have appropriate clothing to enable them to access it. Ideally all children should have wellington boots and waterproof trousers in a bag on their peg. We never force children to go outside but sometimes we have to tell them to go in because they do not have the appropriate clothing.

PE Kit

Even though the weather has turned colder please ensure that your child has shorts and t-shirt for PE lessons. We do PE indoors and due to health and safety cannot use apparatus if children are wearing long sleeves or trousers. Please label all items as much time is spent after PE sessions trying to match clothes to their owners. Please also check your child's school uniform as items labelled with pen do occasionally fade by washing.

Many thanks again for your continued support and involvement,

Yours sincerely,

The Year R Team