



Buttercup class Newsletter

Spring 2

Once Upon a Time

Dragons and knights

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely half term holiday. The children really enjoyed the fairy tale topic last half term. As it was a short half term and the children were really engaged in this topic, we are going to extend it into this half term. We will focus more on fairy tales with castles and move into exploring who knights are as well as learning about dragons. Therefore only a new home learning grid is attached for you. A copy of this will be stuck in the children's home learning books too. Please could you get the children to take their home learning books out on a Wednesday morning and give them to Miss Kerr or Miss Brown/Mrs Baker/Mrs Collins when they come in? Unfortunately some children have not been putting their home learning books in the box which makes it more difficult to mark them.

Parent Consultation Evening

Parent consultation evening will be held on Monday 26th February 2018 and Wednesday 28th February 2018. The slips showing your allocated time have been sent home in your child's book bag.

Mystery reader

We are trying to promote a love of reading with Buttercups so every Tuesday afternoon at 3:00pm a mystery reader will come and read a story to the class. You are welcome to sign up for a slot. The dates and times available will be recorded on a page attached on the whiteboard by the playground door outside. Other staff members and visitors will also read e.g. Mrs Gould. The children will not know who the mystery reader is until the visitor arrives in the classroom. If you sign up for a slot please don't tell your child as it will be a greater surprise for them and create more of a buzz about reading for the class. You can choose the book you'd like to read when you come. If you could let Miss Kerr know before-hand this would be greatly appreciated. This will help ensure the same book is not constantly being read. If you speak another language in addition to English, it would be wonderful if you could read a story in your home language. If your child usually attends DX club after school or gets the bus home please email the office with some available dates and we will sort you out with a slot.

Wedding

On Thursday 8th March 2018 Reception will be acting out a wedding in St Peter's Church in Duxford. You are all welcome to attend. The wedding will start at 2pm. The children are studying Sleeping Beauty that week and will be involved in making flowers, invitations, refreshments and other special things for the wedding that week.

Irish Day

On Monday 19th March the children need to wear a green top to school with their school trousers or skirt. This is because they will be involved in a special day of Irish activities e.g. Irish dancing, Irish music and art,



Finn McCool Maths, making soda bread and learning about the culture and hearing traditional stories from Ireland. This will be a valuable learning experience and Miss Kerr is very excited about it!

Castle Trip

The children will be visiting a Stansted Mountfitchet castle with Key Stage one on Friday 23rd March 2018. This will help conclude the children's learning experiences about castles and knights this half term.

Name writing

The children can all write their first name beautifully now. They have moved onto correctly spelling their surname too. If you could encourage them to practise writing their surname at home, this would be greatly appreciated.

Wow cards

It is lovely to hear all the children's achievements at home. The children are so engaged and proud of sharing their experiences. Please continue to send these in. New cards have been photocopied and attached to the wow certificate board outside the classroom.

Labelling clothing

Please could you check that all the children's clothing is clearly labelled. Some have now washed off and it's difficult to know who the jumpers/cardigans belong too.

If you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to us. We are excited for the next half term ahead.

Kindest regards
Miss Liz Kerr