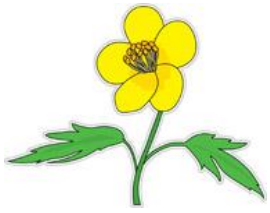




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Buttercup class Newsletter

Spring 1

ONCE UPON A TIME

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back. We hope you had a fantastic Christmas holiday with your families and wish you all a happy new year. It is hard to believe that the children have already finished their first full term at school. They have worked so hard in the Autumn term and learnt so much. We hope they are rested and ready to learn even more in the Spring Term. This half term's topic is titled 'Once Upon a Time' and will be based around favourite traditional tales. A topic map is attached.

Wow certificates

The children have been very proud to share their achievements from home. The Wow cards have been brilliant at developing the children's confidence. The Wow cards from last term will be taken down. Please continue to share your child's new wow moments from home by filling in one of the little Wow certificates. New cards can be found attached to the display board outside the classroom or on the Buttercup class page of the school website.



Learning zoo/characteristics of learning

We are really trying to get the children to talk about how they learn best and think about good learning behaviours. In the EYFS curriculum they are called characteristics of learning. To help them do this we are starting the Buttercup Learning Zoo and will be introducing new characters every week this half term. The characters are listed below for your information. You could maybe write some of your Wow certificates about things your children have been doing at home that link to these behaviours.

Concentrating Crocodile-I join in and concentrate

Choosing Chimp-I choose ways to do things



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Slinky Linky Snake-I can make links
Proud Peacock-I am proud of what I do
Persevering Parrot-I keep trying
Go for it Gorilla-I will have a go
I know Rhino-I play with what I know
Exploring Elephant-I am an explorer
Creative Chameleon-I have my own ideas.

Clothing

Please could you ensure your child is wearing a coat to school and that they have a labelled hat and pair of gloves, as the weather is cold and we use the outside learning environment daily.

Buttercup Book Bag

Each child will have the opportunity to bring the class book bag home for a whole week this school year. Inside the bag are a range of beautiful picture books for you to enjoy as a family. There is also a journal where your child can then write a book review of their favourite one. This is a nice way for the children to learn about their friends' interests too.

Show and tell rota

The show and tell rota and Buttercup cow times have been amended. Please see list attached. A copy is also on the big whiteboard at the door of the classroom.

Home learning packs and home learning grids

The children will again be given their home learning books every Friday. They have a new home learning grid for this spring half term. Just like last term you choose an activity to complete each week. Once your child has completed the activity you can sign the relevant section. Please ensure you still read with your child every day too. Home learning books should be handed back to Miss Kerr by each **Wednesday** so she has time to mark them before returning on Fridays.

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

Kindest regards
Miss Liz Kerr