



# F2 SPRING NEWSLETTER



## Welcome

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and were able to spend quality time with your families. We are looking forward to the term ahead and hope that you are too! If you have any questions over the term, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us.

## Curriculum Enquiry

Each term, we focus our learning around an enquiry question based on a whole school driver. This term our driver is 'Understanding of the world' with a focus on Geography and our curriculum enquiry question is 'What makes Britain great?' During the Spring term, we will be reading a variety of stories linked to the enquiry and the provision will be set up to enhance and support the children's learning.

## Physical Education

Children will continue take part in PE on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit on this day. If your child has their ears pierced, can you please ensure that on PE days their earrings are taken out before school and that jewellery is not worn. It is part of our Uniform Policy that every child at Mapplewells wears the correct PE kit. Our PE Kit:

- ❖ White short sleeved polo shirt
- ❖ Royal blue shorts
- ❖ Plain black/grey/white socks
- ❖ Plain trainers (outdoor) or plimsolls (indoors)
- ❖ A plain tracksuit in keeping with school colours of blue, grey or black



## Belongings

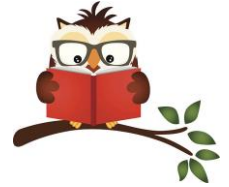
Please ensure ALL your child's things have their name on, as I am sure that you can imagine how difficult it can be if items are not clearly named. If something does go walkabouts, please report this to a member of the Foundation Staff straight away. It is easier to find things if we know straight away. We do encourage the children to take responsibility for their own items and we ask that you too take this approach. Also, please only bring belongings that the children need in school (book bag, water bottle etc.)

## Wow Cards

Thank you for all of the WOW cards we have received so far. We will be sending more out this term and can't wait to hear about what the children have been doing outside of school!

## Reading

A reminder that we encourage you to read with your child every day at home. For each read, that your child completes, and is written in their reading diary, your child will contribute towards the total class reads. When a child reads 4 times in one week, they will have their name put into a hat for the chance to take home Bedtime Bear.



## Coming into school

The school gates will open at 8.35am. The classroom doors will open at 8.40am. Children will go straight into the classroom independently, hang their belongings up & sit on the carpet. The classroom doors will close PROMPTLY at 8.50am. This is to ensure that children can begin the learning for that day. Please do not knock on the door or window if it is closed, as this will cause disruption. If the door is closed, your child must come through the school reception.

## Forest School

We will continue to attend Forest School on alternate Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothing for these sessions.

Please see below the dates for the Forest School sessions for the Spring term:

- 21st Jan
- 4th Feb
- 4th March, 18th March

## Key Dates

- 7<sup>th</sup> January - Afternoon Tea
- 13<sup>th</sup> January - Local area trip
- 11<sup>th</sup> February - School photos
- 13<sup>th</sup> February - Non-uniform (Last day of Spring 1)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February - INSET Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> February - Spring 2 begins
- 26<sup>th</sup> February - Stay & Play 2-3pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> March - Red Nose Day
- Easter Bonnet & Egg Decorating Competition TBC
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - Non-uniform (Last day of Spring 2)

We would like to thank you all for your support during the Autumn term. We are really looking forward to this term and watching the children continue to flourish!

Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Blackwell & Mrs. Bousfield