



Pilgrims' Way Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers of Rabbit and Hare children,

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Year R newsletter.

Welcome back to all our families and children, we hope you had a lovely Christmas and break.

Term 3 is always exciting for our children as they are now settled and can start to make lots of progress in their reading, writing and maths. Play and learning through play continues to be a very important part of their curriculum.

Year R continue to be taught by **Miss Anecchiarico, Mrs Peachey-Smith, Miss Loder, Mrs Berry and our volunteers Mrs Harrington and Miss Woolly.**

Our starting point for our learning this term is called **Tell Me A Tale**, all our planning is on Year R page on the school website.

We read and enjoy re telling the stories: **The Gingerbread Man, Three Little Pigs, Run Away Chapati and The Three Billy Goats Gruff.** We will be cooking gingerbread people, building houses for the three little pigs and making puppets so we can retell the stories. We have lots of exciting reading, writing and maths learning planned for the children, including finding the Gingerbread Man when he escapes our classroom!

Class DoJo

We will continue to share the key words children are learning on our Class Dojo and photos of their work. We love to see what children have been learning at home so please do share your photos on DoJo.

Timetable

We introduce an additional phonics session in the afternoon this term and a handwriting session at the end of the morning. Please make sure children are in class by 8.50 at the latest, as this gives them time to settle in before we register and begin phonics.

Phonics

Phonics teaching will now be daily from 9.05-9.40, we begin phonics at 9.05 as this is the time children learn phonics when they go to Year One.

Maths

Children learn maths each day in Hares and Rabbit class. This term we focus on numbers 5-10 and begin to teach the children how to add and subtract.

PE and Forest School

We continue to plan lovely activities with Mr Walsh for our Forest school morning on a **Thursday morning**. Please send children to school in their Forest school clothes. **PE is on Tuesday mornings.** Children get changed for PE at school. PE takes place inside.

Weather and clothing

We will monitor the weather closely and ensure children do not get too cold or wet. We do go outside each day, even if this is just for a short time. Please ensure children have a coat to wear. All clothing, including gloves needs to be named so we can help children to look after their clothing.

Snack and school dinners.

Our school dinners are healthy, tasty and free, if your child did not try them last term, we recommend trying this term. Two members of the Year R team are always in the hall with the children, we can let you know how much your child is eating.

A polite reminder that our school is nut free and is also a healthy school. We have bagels and fruit each day for the children. If your child does bring in another snack, please make sure it is healthy and does not contain nuts.

Reading

We take children to our school library for a story regularly and on Friday's Year 4 read to our children. Please read with your child each evening. **Tuesday 31st January** you are warmly invited to watch a reading lesson and talk to staff about reading. Children will take home a book for pleasure from our class library and decodable books from our phonics scheme.

All books are changed on a Tuesday and Friday. If your child has finished their phonic book, let us know and we will change it.

If you have any questions about reading or any part of the Year R curriculum, please do ask one of the Year R team.

Kind regards Miss Anecchiarico and Mrs Peachey-Smith