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Dear Parents/Carers of St Francis of Assisi and St Lucy Class

EYFS Spring Term Curriculum Letter

We hope you all had a restful and wonderful break and the children are eager to be back in school ready for what 2024 may bring. Thank you so much for all your support last term and for helping your child settle into their new classes and routines. If any of your information such as mobile phone numbers have changed over the holidays, please can you update the school office.

Our topics this term:



Both St. Lucy and St. Francis classes will be following the same topics this term; 'Once upon a time' and . The first topic we will focus on traditional tales and nursery rhymes such as 'the 3 little pigs, goldilocks, humpty dumpty, hickory dickory dock'. The children will be learning the stories, re-telling them, acting them out, making artwork and junk modelling about the stories and much more! With the nursery rhymes it's about learning simple rhymes, looking for rhyming words, re-telling them and basing different activities around them. As is always the case in Early Years, planning can change depending on the children's individual interests.

Lunchtimes: The children work hard during their time at school and a healthy substantial lunch is extremely important in ensuring that they are ready to learn in the afternoons. If you choose to supply your child with a packed lunch, please give your children a healthy lunch box. Please do not overwhelm your child with too much food. Children are also provided with a piece of fruit for snack time which comes from the local council's '5-a-day scheme', a free service. The children are also given the option of milk during the day.

Water: Water is readily available for all children. Please send your child into school with a water bottle every day. Please ensure that the bottle is clearly labelled. **Please only provide water.**



Uniform: Reception - A reminder that summer uniform should continue to be worn until the end of this half term. Children return from the October break wearing their winter uniform.
Nursery children – please ensure your child can pull their clothes up and down for toileting themselves. Please also make sure their footwear is suitable for climbing and riding bikes.
For health and safety reasons, children may only wear small stud earrings and no other jewellery.
Spare Uniform: Please ensure that your child has spare uniform in school.- Please can you check that it is weather appropriate and still fits them. Accidents DO and WILL happen and if your child



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has spare uniform, we will not need to disturb you to bring spare clothes for them. Spare clothes should consist of a full uniform along with underwear, vest and socks.

Raincoats and Wellies: Please ensure that your child has wellington boots and a raincoat in school (or wear the raincoat that morning). Children in the Early Years play outside in all weathers and we need to ensure that they are prepared for the fun that a rainy-day puddle can bring!

Coats: Please ensure that your child has their coat with them every day. The weather is extremely changeable, and the children need to keep warm.



PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM ARE APPROPRIATELY LABELLED. WE CANNOT HELP YOU TO FIND MISSING ITEMS IF THEY ARE NOT LABELLED CLEARLY.

Parental Involvement:

We will be focusing on different children each week to follow their progress throughout the year. We will inform you when its your child week and give you feedback after their week. – this is on a rolling cycle so each child was observed last term and we will start again this term.

We would also like to celebrate all their achievements outside school. We have sent home special message sheets so that you can fill them in and send them back to us. Please ask for more sheets when you need them. This could be as simple as going to bed when asked, doing well in swimming, trying new foods.

We will also send these out as children achieve things in school, like trying new foods, doing something brave, helping others.

Homework: Reception: they will be set homework every Friday to be returned on a Wednesday the following week. Please make sure their reading book and reading log is kept in their book bag at all times, as they will be changed throughout the week.

Please do not hesitate to see us with any questions that you may have.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hodson
EYFS Lead

