

# Keyworth Primary and Nursery School

## Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter Robin's class January 2019

Spring Term 2019

Happy New Year hope you had a lovely Christmas.

**This term's big question is:  
"Can we explore it?"**



Attached is an explanation and a brief guide of the activities we will be doing this half term. The main stories we are reading with the children will be:

The Great Explorer.

Little Rabbit Lost.

We're going on a Bear Hunt.

We will also be reading several Bear stories.

As you can imagine we will be exploring all kinds of objects and media and developing our exploration vocabulary.

### **Water Bottles & Milk**

**Please can children bring their own LABELLED water bottle each session containing WATER. We discourage sending juice as we are encouraging children to make healthy choices and the children know they all have the same and are not tempted to drink a bottle containing juice! We have appreciated your cooperation with this and the children have responded positively having their own bottles. Remember to take them home daily for a good wash.**

Children under 5 receive free milk but must be registered with [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) thanks to everyone who has already registered.

### **OUTDOORS**

We are still developing our outdoors and still have some jobs to complete. We would appreciate any help to paint the decking bridge and some general gardening jobs.

If you have a couple of spare hours to help please let us know.

### **Sign and Nursery Rhyme of the Week.**

We are continuing to develop the use of signs and symbols, revisiting & building upon the ones the children have already learnt and use regularly. Using signs and symbols helps to develop children's confidence using language.

The rhyme of the week will continue to be sent them home for you and your child to share together. This helps children with their pre reading skills by learning several familiar rhymes and being able to recite them.

If you have any questions about your child's language development, ask and I'll be happy to help.

### **Home tasks and phonics.**

We will begin teaching the Read, Write Inc phonics to the older F1 children from next week. We will be learning the names of the letters and how they are formed. This will include a weekly home task to help support your child's learning.

A phonics information session will be held soon more details to follow...

## LUNCHTIME & EXTRA SESSIONS

Lunchtime continues to be very popular, **please remember** to write your child's name on the board when they are staying so we know if they are having a dinner or a packed lunch, extra sessions must be booked a week in advance so we can accommodate your requirements .

Please also remember if you are entitled to 30 hours free funding the hours have to remain consistent for the term but can be changed for the beginning of the following term with 4 weeks notice.

If your child is 3 you can access additional sessions in the afternoon please ask for details of costs and availability.

### Blog page

Our dedicated Robins page is on the school website and is regularly updated with news and events of what we have been doing during the sessions. Please also check the Blackbird page too as we will be working alongside them in many activities. Have a look, you'll be surprised the amount of fun we have over the term!

[www.keyworth.notts.sch.uk](http://www.keyworth.notts.sch.uk)

### Baking money



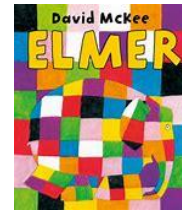
Thank you to everyone who contributed last term, we would like to continue baking sessions using your donations.

Contributions also help with buying ingredients for making Playdough and providing other messy play activities. We unable do this without your contributions. We therefore ask that each family could contribute £1 per half term towards ingredients.

We would also really love to welcome some willing volunteers to come and cook with

the children, if you would like to volunteer then just let us know.

### Book sharing and Storysacks.



Last year we had a number of children achieve Silver & Bronze reading awards. Reading together from a young age helps to develop good reading habits when children begin learning to read themselves. Please remember to bring in book bags and help your child to choose a new book and write this down in the loan book so we can reward the children. **We will aim to change books with the children at least once a week, so if you're child would like a new book you are welcome to help them to change as often as you like.**

Remember our rewards are as follows:

25 books shared = Bronze reward

50 books shared = Silver reward (plus a prize)

100 books shared = Gold reward (child receives a book of their choice to keep)

We are hoping to begin to send storysacks home again which contain a book and lots of activities to go with the book. All the children will be given an opportunity to borrow one which are taken on a Thursday or Friday and returned after having for two weekends, so it gives you time to share everything in the sacks. Have fun the children really love them.

### Outdoors

Outdoor learning is crucial to children's all round development and provides opportunities that the indoors does not provide. We will be continuing to develop more Forest School activities in our outdoor learning.

Please make sure that children have suitable outdoor wear, **avoiding open toe sandals for nursery would be very helpful.**

Wellies are great to have at nursery, please make sure if your child comes in wellies that they have a change of shoes for indoors.

We do have a collection of wellies but not enough for everyone. Any old wellies to add our collection would be very much appreciated.

### **Robin**



Robbie the Robin our new travelling toy and he is looking forward to visiting the children at home very soon visits very soon. The children have been excited about taking him home and we are looking forward to hear all about Robbie's adventures.

### **Uniform and Spare Clothes**

It has been fabulous to see most of F1 children wearing uniform, they have felt very grown up and proud of their uniforms. Although uniform for the F1 children is not compulsory we do think that it helps to prepare them ready for joining F2 and gives the children a sense of belonging when we take part in School activities and helps to distinguish the difference between Playgroup and Nursery. Wearing uniform also helps to save their own every day clothes from getting spoilt if they get paint or mud on them.

Uniform is a red Jumper / cardigan, grey skirt / trousers and a white polo shirt.

We do have a small collection of spare clothes in case of accidents. We would very much appreciate if each child had a bag with spare clothes on their peg just in

case we don't have the correct size for your child. **Please name clothes and footwear as this helps to prevent missing jumpers etc...**

Also remember, if your child is wearing nappies to send spare nappies, wipes and nappy sacks.

### **Thank you**

Thanks for your cooperation in keeping pushchairs outside at drop off & pick up times this has been much appreciated and keeps the inside free from congestion and potential hazards. A member of staff is always on the door to keep an eye on any little ones.

### **Help from you.**

We always value your support and welcome any helpers in the Nursery, let us know if you have a particular skill or would just like to spend some time helping out.

Activities such as reading stories, baking, making resources, playing games, gardening or helping on visits are all valuable ways you can help us.

**Thank you for your continued support over the coming half term. Any questions please just ask!**

**Mrs Boon, Mrs Gibaldi and Mrs James.**