



# THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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## Early Years Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we hope you all had a relaxing Christmas, and a Happy New Year with your families. Hopefully you were able to see more friends and family than last year.

### Topic time

This week Year R have been reading lots of books about “pants”, which, as you can imagine, the children thought was very funny. This term we will be focusing on “Brilliant books”, looking at a range of different books, authors and themes. If your child has a favourite book they would like to bring in and share with us at story time during the end of the day, that would be great. Please make sure your child’s name is on the book.

### Storytelling week

It is National story telling week from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January. To celebrate this we are going to be having a special story telling day. Your child is welcome to come into school wearing their pyjamas or comfortable clothes (no onesies please). They are welcome to bring in a cushion or a cuddly toy to snuggle down and enjoy some shared stories throughout the day. This will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Please make sure your child’s clothes are suitable for them to wear outside too.

### Outdoor learning day

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January Year R will be having an outdoor learning day. Your child is welcome to wear their own clothes on that day suitable for spending time outside, including waterproof jackets and/ or trousers depending on the weather conditions. They might also want to bring a spare pair of clothes into school.

### Core skills groups

Our early years curriculum is based around children developing core skills. Once children are successful in these skills they will learn, play, communicate and socialise more successfully. This term we will be starting some additional small group activities to help support groups of children, in these key skills. This will include communication, understanding of language, gross motor (large

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body movements), fine motor (small body movements) and play skills. All staff in the team will be supporting with these activities including Miss Shore, who we will be welcoming to our team to help us this term.

**A few reminders**

When your child reads **their reading book to you** please record this in the monkey book. At Bishopswood we would like every child to read at least 3 times. It has such a positive impact on their learning and we really notice this in their progress. Each Friday we tally how many children in the class have read 3 times or more in order to take part in the reading race.

Please remember that your child needs to bring in water in their water bottles and not squash, as this is a healthier option from them.

By now lots of name labels have been rubbed out or fallen off of clothes, coats and water bottles. Please can we ask all parents to check all your child's belongings are still clearly labelled .

Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation.

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