



# BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

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## Early Years Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents,

We hope that all the children enjoyed their half term and your gardens survived the windy weather. We are looking forward to some more sunshine at school, as I am sure you all are.

### **Topic time**

Our topic this term is “Spring has Sprung”, which the children have been very enthusiastic about so far. We are also very excited to announce we will be welcoming some exciting additions to our class for a couple of weeks. Our “eggcellent” friends will be appearing on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March and will be joining us for two weeks.

Next week we will be focusing on a story about a class who make make a bee corridor. With this in mind, we will be making our own bee corridor and sharing some seeds with the local community. The children will have the opportunity to post seed packs to some residents in the local area.

Although we have started to sow seeds, we are going to be planting more over the coming weeks and hopefully grow some new and interesting things to encourage the children to try new things. If you have any spare seeds or items we can use with our gardening such as compost or pots we would be very grateful.

### **Reading and phonics**

This term we are launching a new phonics scheme to help support your child with their reading and writing called ‘Monster Phonics’. The children have been very excited to learn about our new monster phonics friends. You will be receiving more information about it soon, however for now you might notice some changes to the books your child is bringing home. As part of our new scheme we are re-organising all the books in the school. As we are sure you can imagine this is something that takes a lot of time.

Moving forward your child will still have their decodable book to read to you at home and a library book to share with you, however they will not have the additional coloured sticker books. They will also continue to have access to ‘Bug Club’ online to supplement their reading. Please remember that reading with child is one of the most beneficial things you can do. We record how many times your child reads each week and use this information as part of the reading race and to monitor their progress.

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### Outdoor learning day

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 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.

### Maths games

This term your child will be bring home a maths game that they have chosen themselves. There are many different reasons why we would like to share these with you at home. It is for your child to practise their understanding of numbers, adding, subtracting, as well as taking turns, sharing, a chance to chat to you and developing a love for maths with fun games, so enjoy! Please could we ask that you make sure all the resources such as counter and dice are kept in the wallet in their book bags ready for the next family to enjoy.

### Staffing

We have had some changes to the Year R team. Mrs Fenner and Miss Shore have joined the Year 1 team and we are delighted to welcome Miss Allen and Mrs Nesbit to our team. Mrs Nesbit will be supporting Miss Ledger in Willow class and Miss Allen will be helping across both classes.

### Using the School Grounds and Equipment out of School Hours

We have noticed many parents are allowing their children to stay on the schools' grounds and use our equipment after school has finished. It is lovely to think that your child would rather stay at school than go home, but please could we ask that once you have collected your child that you leave the school grounds. As we run after school clubs, we need to know who is on site in order to ensure the children's safety. This also applies to children arriving early for school and using the equipment. During the school day, our children only use the equipment if fully supervised by school staff and we are worried there will be an accident due to children using it out of school hours.

### A few reminders

Please remember to send your child with a **water bottle daily** and could we ask you check their school uniform to make sure their **name is clearly marked** in the clothing. We ask that your child does not have squash in their bottle.

Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation

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