



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

What a busy start we have had to the new Spring term. The children have settled back into the routine really well and I just wanted to make you aware of some of the things that will be happening over the coming term.

Our topic

This half-term, we are reading a range of traditional tales involving journeys, such as The Gingerbread Man, Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We will also be taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch towards the end of January, learning about how different cultures celebrate the Lunar New Year as well as making pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. If you have any books around these topics at home and you wouldn't mind us borrowing them to read in class, then please send them in for us to share. We will also be asking the children to bring in their favourite storybook from home to share at story time, as we further develop our 'book talk' within the classroom. Please make sure that their name is inside the book before you send it in and then we can ensure that it comes home once we have read it together.

Tapestry

We continue to use Tapestry, a fabulous online learning journal where we add observations of your child. The observations we post are of special moments that we have had an opportunity to catch on camera, rather than a daily diary. You can access this and even add to it. Many of you are using Tapestry already and we really enjoy seeing your posts and the things the children have been doing at home. If you need any further information in regards to Tapestry – especially adding your own observations – please get in touch.

PE

Our PE days continue to be Tuesdays & Thursdays for this term. To ensure the children's safety, we politely request that children who have pierced ears have their earrings removed or taped up for PE lessons and children with long hair have their hair tied back. Thank you.

Supporting Maths at home - White Rose Maths 1-minute maths

White Rose Maths, whose maths scheme we follow in school, have an app – available on Apple and Android – called "1-minute maths". This involves short, 1-minute activities aimed at building up the children's confidence and early maths skills. There are lots of subitising games which we have been using in school, to help the children recognise how many objects are in a set without having to count them.

Google Classroom

We use Google classroom as a platform to support our learning both in school and at home. If you haven't been able to log in to your child's Google Classroom account yet and need help to do so, please get in touch.

Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 6th February 2024 – Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February 2024 – School closes for the half term holiday

Monday 19th February 2024 – School reopens

Tuesday 5th March – Stay and play session – Physical Development and Early Writing focus – 8.45-10am

Thursday 7th March 2024 – World Book Day

Friday 15th March 2024 – Red Nose Day

Wednesday 27th March 2024 – Easter service at St Mary's Church (children only)

Thursday 28th March 2024 – School closes for the Easter holidays

Thank you again for all of your support and please remember if you have any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Jane Rennie (Reception class teacher)

