



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new Spring term. The children have settled back into the routine really well and so 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 Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Gingerbread Man. We will also be taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch at the end of January and learning about how different cultures celebrate the Lunar New Year. 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. We will also be resuming our Forest School and Woodworking sessions too.

Tapestry

We continue to use Tapestry as our online Learning Journal. This is an extremely efficient way for us to share your child's learning with you. However, it can also be used by yourselves to share any 'magic moments' that you notice at home. Please feel free to share these achievements with us as they help us to build a more complete picture of the children. If you have forgotten your log-in details or are struggling to access Tapestry, please let us know and we can try and solve the problem.

PE

Our PE days are now Wednesday & Thursday for the first part of the term. After half-term we are very lucky to be working with Carlisle United and so our PE days will change once again and we will let you know nearer the time. One other reminder for those of you who have children with long hair, could you please make sure that their hair is tied back on PE days, or alternatively provide a bobble of some kind in their bag, so that we can help them to tie it back for the lesson. Thank you.

Supporting Maths at home

Numbots

All of the children have now been added to our school Numbots account. For those of you who are unaware of Numbots, it is an online maths game that helps the children to build up their mental maths skills in a fun way. We believe that playing the game for a short time and on a regular basis helps the children with their early calculation skills. I will send out further details and log in details later in the week.

White Rose Maths 1-minute maths

White Rose Maths, whose maths scheme we follow in school, have just released an app – available on Apple and Android – called "1-minute maths". This involves short, 1-minute activities aimed to build 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.

Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 8th February 2022 – Safer Internet Day

Friday 11th February 2022 – School closes for half term

Monday 21st February 2022 – School reopens

Wednesday 2nd March & Thursday 3rd March 2022 – Parent's evenings

Friday 18th March 2022 – Red Nose Day

Friday 1st April 2022 – School closes for Easter holiday

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)

