



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

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Happy New Year to you and your families, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break.

We are all looking forward to a fun start to the term. Firstly, we would like to welcome our new nursery starters who have joined the setting this term, we are really looking forward to getting to know everyone and their individual personalities.

There are a few small reminders of things that help with the smooth running of the unit, so I write to explain a few of these, but please remember that if you need to chat with us about anything, then please get in touch.

Our Topic

We have started the term with lots of settling in activities for our new starters, well done to our older children for welcoming our new friends so nicely.

The children are enjoying reading the traditional tale of The Three Little Pigs, we will continue to retell the story through role play, singing and dancing. We will experiment by using a range of different materials to construct our own houses too.

We are excited to continue our *High Hopes* sessions again this term with a forest school style learning. Children learn the rules of the firepit and explore changes to the natural, outdoor world around us.

The children will observe and discuss the season of winter by heading out on walks around our school grounds, noticing the changes to the world around us. We will feed the birds then wait and watch to see which birds come to visit our garden.

We will look forward to celebrating Luna New Year, which falls on 1st February this year with 2022 being the year of the tiger. We will celebrate the festival with a focus on China. We will taste traditional foods using chopsticks and will explore other traditions through video clips, fact books and music.

Police visit

We have many children in nursery showing a keen interest in the work of the Police force! The children regularly use a police theme in their role play and build police stations using the construction blocks outside. With this in mind we have arranged for a pair of police officers to come and visit us, they will talk about their role and show us some of their uniform and equipment. We might even be lucky enough to see the police van with its lights and siren.

Story sacks

We have a selection of story sacks in EYFS available for children and families to borrow from school, we will post a list of the different story sack theme's on Tapestry. Please see a member of EYFS staff and we can arrange for your child to choose a sack to bring home. The sacks are signed out to be returned the following week.

Library books

The children are going to have the opportunity to bring a library book home each week. Every Tuesday they will choose a book to bring home, it can then be returned to school the following Tuesday. We will keep a record in school of the book title and when it has been returned. We hope this will be a lovely opportunity for you and your child to share familiar or new stories at home, and for the children to enjoy the pleasure of sharing stories whilst also the importance of looking after library books that are to be returned.

Spare Clothes, Wellingtons, Waterproofs and Outdoor Clothing

We are very lucky to have such a wonderful outdoor area, and the children have access to this on a daily basis.

Please may we ask, if possible, that children have their own pair of wellingtons for outdoor play. These can be kept at school on the wellington trolley. Also, children should have their coats with them on a daily basis; although we do have a small supply of waterproof jackets and trousers for wet and windy play.

Some of the children may also need a change of clothes from time to time so it is a good idea for children to bring a spare set. These can be hung in a bag on their peg and sent home at the end of each session, or if you prefer the bag can stay in school to be sent home at the end of a half term. If the children are sent home in spare school clothing, please may we ask that you launder them and return in a carrier bag.



School bags

Children can bring a small bag into nursery with their everyday essential items in such as, water bottle and a small supply of spare clothes. We do say no toys to be brought in from home. However, we do make allowances if your child uses a particular comfort blanket/soft toy - this can be used as and when needed.

Water bottles

Each child has a water bottle in school, we send this home at the end of every session for washing. Please may we ask that you return the bottle ready filled, the following day. The tops of the bottles do tend to get chewed so if you require a new top, they are available for 10p, or you can purchase a new water bottle for 50p. These can now be purchased from the classroom.

Dates for your diary - Parents evenings 2nd & 3rd March

Many thanks for all your continued help and support.

Jill Carruthers (Nursery Teacher)