



early years

Foundation Stage Newsletter

April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope you had a lovely Easter break and it is lovely to see the children returning happy, enthusiastic and so keen to learn. It seems strange that this is the final term in the Foundation Stage for the FS2 children as it feels like we haven't really seen them in school very much this year.

This term the focus is on reading, writing and basic maths skills as we work with the children supporting them to achieve their Early Learning Goals or get as close to achieving them as possible. This term is also really important in preparing them for Year 1.

Each family will have had a different Lockdown experience and throughout this term we want to work as closely with you as possible to support your child to achieve their very best. Please, therefore, do not hesitate to contact one of the team if you have any queries, questions, Wow moments or anything else.

We have started the term thinking about Under the Sea and as the weather warms up we will be growing plants and vegetables and investigating our environment.

Sponsored Event

This week the children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in activities as part of our sponsored event. Thank you to those who have already returned their sponsor money. Please return any remaining monies by next Wednesday 21st April. Thank you.

Reading

The children are working really hard in phonics and applying this in their reading. Children learn best by practicing and applying new knowledge and skills little and often. You can support your child by listening to them read **every day**. This is particularly important at the current time as they have not been in school for a long period of time. They may only manage one page or they could just spot new sounds or tricky words in their books. Please take the time to listen to your child every day if possible.

Start and the end of the day

A reminder about the start of the day timings and routines:

All FS children – Doors open at 8:40am and close at 8:45am.

FS1 – The morning session ends at 11:45am and the children can be collected through the gate at

the front of the office.

FS2 – The day finishes at 3pm to allow children to be collected before the rest of the school finishes. Please try to be as prompt as possible to avoid too many people on the playground at once.

Home/School Link Books

If you have a message you would like us to see, please remove the yellow book from your child's bag and place in the box with the bag.

Water bottles

Please remember to name your child's water bottle

FS2 PE

FS2 are thoroughly enjoying their Tuesday PE sessions with Mrs Plant. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit for the full day. No uniform will be required on a Tuesday.

Outdoor Equipment

For health and safety reasons, please ensure your child does **not** climb on the outdoor equipment **before and after school**. We would also ask that they do not play with any of the equipment that has been set out ready for the day ahead.

Communication

Communication with staff continues to be difficult in the current circumstances. Please use the yellow books if you have messages or information to pass on. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school on **01964 542472**, email the office using brands@eastriding.gov.uk or email the EYFS staff using fsbrandesburton@gmail.com

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