



Reception Boot and Bell Classes Newsletter: 19th April 2022

Welcome back after the Easter break! We hope you had a great, relaxing break. We are delighted to welcome your children back to school for the summer term.

This half term's topic

Our topic this half term is 'Countries of the world'. We are excited to learn about different cultures, as well as look at what life is like for children in different places around the world. We will be learning about the celebration of Eid, and comparing this to other celebrations we have learnt about. We will also be holding a family picnic on Tuesday May 24th to celebrate the wonderful diversity of cultures in our classes. There will be more information about this event nearer the time. Remember to check our webpage for more information about our learning and for pictures of what we get up to in class!

Daily Reading & 'Stay and Read'

We would like to remind you of the importance of reading with your child daily. All children are sent home with a new decodable reading book each week, and one of the best things you can do to support your child's learning, is to read with them for 5 minutes every day. This encourages them to remember the sounds they have been taught in phonics and to practise the skill of blending them together to read words. Children need to bring their decodable reading book and reading diary to school every day.

Every Friday from 8:45 to 9:00 we would like to welcome you in to class to spend some quality time reading with your child. This will also be a great chance for you to chat with staff and ask any questions you may have about how best to support reading at home.

PE & Forest School

Our PE day will change to a **Tuesday** this half term. Children must wear a white polo or t-shirt, black leggings or jogging bottoms, and black plimsolls. Please continue to support your children to practise putting on / taking off their own socks and shoes.

Forest School will continue to be on **Wednesdays**. Children will need to wear wellies and a warm, waterproof coat. Wellies can be kept at school as they are used throughout the week when it rains. Please remember to label all items of clothing and shoes.

We look forward to another amazing half term with your children.

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