



## Foundation Stage 1 (Nursery) parents information for Spring 1

### Welcome back to Harpfield Primary Academy!!

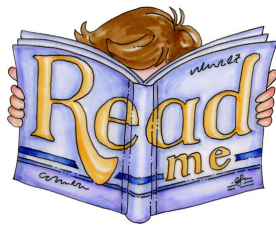
We are very excited to welcome your child back to Harpfield Primary Academy after the Christmas holidays. We want to make sure your child makes a great start to their education with us, so if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the team. We are looking forward to a fun filled half term of learning.

We will be inviting parents to join us for a variety of events throughout the year.

#### Tapestry

Tapestry is our secure online learning journal which we use to record observations of children's learning and development, the children have been added onto Tapestry and if you provided an email address you will have receive an email with login details. If you have not provided an email address for Tapestry please speak to a member of the team.

#### Reading in FS1



The children are now bringing home a library book. The library book may be a story or information book and will probably contain words, it would be great if you could share the book with your child and read to them on a regular basis. Please discuss the pictures and ask them lots of questions about what is happening in the book. 10 minutes sharing books daily will have a huge impact on your child's love of reading and future learning. I am sure you will support us in this.

#### Recipe for Success home learning

The children will receive a recipe for success home learning booklet each half term. This booklet will have challenges for your child to complete over the half term. It would be great to see your child's learning and experiences outside of school so please use Tapestry and/or class dojo to upload photos so we can share these experiences in school.

#### Nursery Rhyme of the week



We will be sending home a Nursery Rhyme each week, please help your child learn and sing this rhyme and learn about the language used in the Nursery rhymes. Nursery Rhymes help children develop language and communication skills and understand and learn about different sounds. These are important in the development of early literacy skills.

Our Learning themes this half term will be based around the books:

Say hello to the snowy animals

Penguin

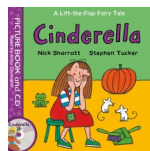
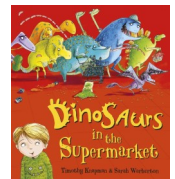
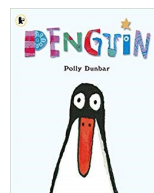
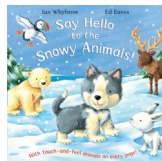
Cinderella

Mad about dinosaurs

Dinosaurs in the supermarket

Dinosaurs love underpants

#### The Outdoors



Please remember the Foundation Stage curriculum is an indoor and outdoor learning experience. Ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing and footwear, and a spare change of clothes at school. Don't forget wellies for our forest school days.

#### Forest Schools Friday's

Each Friday every child who wants to will be given the opportunity to join in our exciting 'Forest Schools' activity sessions. Please make sure that your child has wellies in school every Friday so that they can take part. We will be completing activities such as den building, nature watching, digging and mud-pie making.

## PE

Nursery will have their PE hall slot on a Tuesday morning each week. Please ensure your child has suitable kit in school at all times though. **Earrings must be removed for your child to take part in PE sessions;** if your child cannot remove their own earrings school staff cannot do it for them. We would advise no jewellery to be worn to school on any day.

This half term in our PE lessons we will be learning lots of new skills in throwing and catching.

### Calendar

Nursery Bookstart session- Tuesday 4th February (letter to follow)

### Helping out

If you would like to come and join us on Forest days, trips and days out, or you have a particular skill or interest you would like to share with the children then please let us know.

If you would like to volunteer in the unit, listening to children read or joining in the activities then please come and talk to us.

Thank you

Any questions please ask.

Miss Hickson, Miss Douglas, Miss Darlington and Mrs Tonge

