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Spring 1 Newsletter – Foundation Stage

Dates for your Diary:

8th January – Back to school

Monday 5th February – Face to face Parents evening

Thursday 8th February – Teams parents evening

Tuesday 13th February – Local trip to Onchan Library

Friday 16th February – Break up for half-term

General

We hope everyone has had a safe and happy Christmas and we are looking forward to a lovely New Year with the children. Please continue to encourage your child to be independent when entering school and the classrooms as this massively helps with their confidence.

Phonics and Reading

As always, please continue to read as often as possible with your child. The children will continue to fly through their phonics sounds so the more practice the better! And thank you for working in the Phonics books, we are really starting to see a difference in the ones who practice their sounds regularly. We will continue to collect these on a **Thursday** and will give them back on Friday once we have gone through them with each child.

Topic

This half-term we will be learning about dinosaurs following the interests of the children. You will find on the new Reception Teams channel some suggested activities. Another mini topic will be Chinese New Year which will be the year of the Dragon.

Snack

Snack money is now due for this half-term. Thank you for those who get this in early or have paid in bulk or to the end of the year. We kindly ask for £15 to be paid in cash to a member of the team. We would really appreciate it if this could be paid in a named envelope.

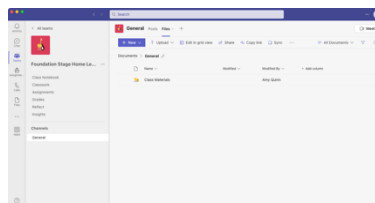
PE

PE kits need to have a T-shirt, shorts, pumps/indoor footwear, outside footwear and trackie bottoms or similar for outside. Please can you label all clothing including uniform and footwear as children will take off jumpers and cardigans and forget where they left them. If they are labelled it makes it so much easier to get uniform to the right children!

Home Learning

We are no longer going to be using Itslearning as a platform to access education at home. We will be setting a new Foundation Stage Home Learning channel on Microsoft Teams. On here you will be able to find links to possible activities you might like to do with your child at home related to our topic, literacy and maths.

*We have been told the logins we gave you for itslearning (you might have to scroll back through dojo posts) will be the ones you need to login to Teams. We will send a letter explaining how to access when the children are back.



If you have any questions, as always please feel free to pop in and speak to a member of the Foundation Stage team.

Many thanks, Mr Jones, Miss Quinn, Mrs Bird and Mrs Watterson.



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