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Spring 2 Newsletter – Reception

Key Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd February – Return to school
Friday 27th February – Onchan Library Visit
Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
Wednesday 25th March – Easter Stay and Play PM
Thursday 26th March – MNFU in School
Tuesday 31st March – Molly Quirk's Glen Trip
Thursday 2nd April – Break up for Easter
Monday 20th April – Return to school

Welcome Back to Foundation Stage!

We hope you all had a brilliant half-term break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school, and they have settled back into routines wonderfully. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting few weeks ahead as we move towards Easter, with lots of engaging learning experiences planned across the curriculum. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing the children's learning with you over the coming weeks.

Our team consists of: Miss Diack (Owl Class) and Mr Jones (Penguin Class). Classes are supported by Miss Kirk, Mrs Cowin and Mr Watterson. Miss Wooding (teacher) will be covering PPA sessions throughout the year, as well as Andy from MSR.

Topic

Throughout the term, we will be exploring a range of exciting topics. We will begin by learning about Chinese New Year, discovering how it is celebrated and exploring traditions. We will then move onto minibeasts and life cycles, focusing on the life cycles of a frog and a butterfly. The children will learn about growth and change through hands-on activities, stories and observations.

As the term continues, we will explore spring and new life, noticing seasonal changes in the environment and learning about plants and animals as they begin to grow. We will finish the term by learning about Easter, exploring its meaning through stories, crafts and celebrations.

Snack

We will continue our weekly trips to Tesco every Monday, where the children will help to choose and buy snack for the week. The children will then take part in preparing the snack each day. This is extremely beneficial, as it supports learning about money, weight and measures, road safety, and many other important life skills. Snack costs £15 **per half term**, and we kindly ask for this to be paid in cash to a member of the team. We would really appreciate it if the payment could be sent in a named envelope.

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PE Kits and Outdoor Learning

Reception will continue to have PE lessons on Thursday. Your child will need both an indoor and an outdoor PE kit in school, which will be sent home with them at the end of the term. Long hair needs to be tied up and earrings need to be removed before they come to school.

Outdoor Learning will continue to take place on a Tuesday, so Reception children will need to come to school wearing clothes that can get muddy! No school uniform is needed on a Tuesday for Reception.

Reading Books and Phonics Learning Logs

Books will be changed at the start of every week, so please make sure they are kept in book bags. The reading record is where we will note how your child has read that day, and we also encourage parents to write a comment about their child's reading at home.

Phonics Learning Logs will continue to be collected on Thursdays and checked in school with the children at the end of the week.

Easter Stay and Play

On Wednesday 25th March, we would like to invite one family member per child to attend our Easter Stay and Play session, which will also celebrate World Maths Day. This will be an opportunity to take part in Easter-themed and maths-based activities with your child, as well as explore the learning environment together. The session will run from 2pm-3pm. Please arrive via the Penguin Class door, where you will be asked to sign in. Normal school hours will not be affected. For everyone's safety, family members will leave first at the end of the session. Children will remain in class until 3:20pm to allow time to get ready for home time.

Molly Quirk's Glen Trip

On Tuesday 31st March the children will take part in a visit to Molly Quirk's Glen, returning to a familiar environment from the autumn term. This visit will support our learning about seasonal change, as the children compare what the glen is like now with how it looked and felt during autumn. We will be leaving school after morning register and returning in time for lunch time. Children can wear outdoor learning clothes that can get muddy – and will be wearing their wellies. Parents are not required for this visit. Further information will be shared closer to the time.

Onchan School Website

Make sure to keep an eye on our school website <https://onchan.sch.im/> as we will be regularly updating our class page with newsletters/blog posts and photos of your children's learning journey!

Home-School Communications

If you have any queries or need to record absences, please email the school office at onchanEnquiries@sch.im and they will pass on any relevant information. If you require a more in-depth chat, please see your class teacher to arrange an appointment suitable for all. Thank you, the Reception Team ☺

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