



Whiteknights

Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We were really proud of how well the children settled into school last half term and we are all looking forward to another half term of rich, exciting learning opportunities. To give you a clearer picture of what we are learning in the coming half term, alongside the knowledge organisers, we have attached an outline of the topics that we will teach and the books we will be reading. In addition, we have set out a few reminders that will help the half term run smoothly and enable your child to make the best possible progress with their learning.

What does my child need to bring into school with them daily?

- A Whiteknights book bag with their reading record inside every day.
- A water bottle with fresh water daily.
- Spare uniform, including underwear and socks in a plastic bag.
- Appropriate clothing- coats on cold days and sunhats on hot days.
- PE kit, in a Whiteknights PE drawstring bag, every Monday, ready for our Wednesday session.

Early Years is an incredibly important year for all children, as the progress they make in their early development sets them up as life-long learners. We also know how powerful development and learning is outside of school hours. Therefore, the expectations for home learning are as follows:

- **Reading:** We expect the children to read at home **daily** with an adult, as this is an imperative routine to embed.
- **Counting:** Learning to count from 0-10 forwards and backwards, in a range of ways such as singing songs or counting the stairs as they walk.
- **Writing:** Support with learning to write their own name.
- **Independence:** Learning how to dress and undress themselves, including taking off their jumpers and zipping up their coats.

PE: The children have enjoyed starting PE weekly and have impressed us with how well they can undress themselves and look after their clothes. A few reminders, children **must** bring their PE kit to school every Monday. Our PE day is **Wednesday**. The children will wear their PE kit home after every session to be washed ready for the following Monday. Trainers must be included, and when the weather is warmer, pupils must wear black shorts and a white school PE shirt (these can be purchased from the school office). However, when the weather is colder, pupils must wear dark coloured tracksuit bottoms with a dark coloured (unbranded) hoody/ sweater. As dressing is an aspect of the Early Years curriculum we will be encouraging the children to change and look after their clothes as independently as they can, so every item of clothing **must** be named.



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Spare Clothes: Please ensure your child has a spare set of uniform including knickers or pants in a carrier bag that stays on their peg every day. This is in case they get dirty/ wet or have a toileting accident. If they do not have any spare clothes and borrow uniform from school, it all needs to be washed and returned to school.

Nature Area is open!

Our Early Years nature area, which has a giant sandpit, mud pit, construction toys, water play and a vegetable garden, will be open after half term. As previously mentioned in order for the children to enjoy this area in all weathers we are asking parents to provide their child with a pair of wellies and a puddle suit (all in one waterproof suit), that will be kept in school. Like any uniform, please ensure everything is named.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us,

Kind regards,

Mrs O'Leary, Mrs May and Mrs Kelly