



# Whiteknights

## Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents,

We have been delighted with how well the children have settled into their first term at school and are ready for another busy half term of learning. We would like to express our thanks to all of the parents/carers who attended our SPLAT last half term. It was wonderful to see the children enjoy sharing their learning and the environment with you all.

To give you a clearer picture of what the children are learning in the coming half term, we have attached an outline of the topics that we will teach. 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.

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. Therefore, the expectations for home learning are as follows:

- **Reading:** We expect the children to read at home every day and this to be recorded into their reading record. You will receive a decodable book each week for your child/ren to read to you. Alongside, we would like you to share stories and read to your child.
- **Physical Development:** We expect children to become increasingly more independent. If you could factor time in during the weekend to teach your child/ren to: put on their own tights/ socks, zip up their own coat, cut up their own food and learn how to write their own name.
- **Communication and Language:** We expect children to be speaking in full sentences with correct pronunciation. Model speaking in full sentences to your child/ren, as well as correcting any words they are pronouncing incorrectly, such as banana or yellow.

**Attendance:** We expect children to aim to have 100% attendance at school. Obviously illness cannot be avoided but, if in doubt, please send your child to school and make sure your contact details are up to date with the school office.

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

- A Whiteknights book bag with reading record and decodable book inside every day. We will change books Tuesday and Friday weekly.
- Named water bottle with fresh water daily.
- Spare uniform, including underwear and socks.
- Appropriate warm clothing eg. coat, hat, scarf, gloves
- PE kit in a Whiteknights PE drawstring bag. If your child is wearing tights to school, please can we ask you pack a pair of socks into their PE bag to wear for PE.



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On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, we will be having a Chinese Dragon workshop. If you are able to come and talk to the children about your experience of celebrating Chinese New Year in the afternoon, please speak to your child's class teacher. The following day, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, is our next SPLAT session. We look forward to welcoming you into school again then.

As always, if you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Mrs O'Leary, Mrs May and Mrs Kelly



Reception

Term - Spring 1

This sheet will give you an overview of the things we are covering this half term.

### Mathematics

Learning is split into two areas: Number and Numerical Pattern. This term your child will be exploring 7 and 8, and what the numbers mean, how each number can be represented both physically and pictorially. We will see which numbers make up 7 and 8 and find one more and one less. We will continue with measure length and capacity.

### Literacy

Read, Write, Inc. will be the focus of our Literacy hour; developing phonetic ability and reading. Your child will be consolidating their knowledge of set 1 sounds and beginning set 2. They will continue to read and write simple words moving on to simple sentences, writing their name with a capital letter at the beginning followed with well formed lower case letters.

### Physical Development

This area of learning is about developing fine and gross motor skills. We will be focusing on:

- Cutting skills
- Letter formation
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### Understanding the world

- What can we hear, see and feel outside in winter
- Follow and draw a map
- Learn about different types of bears
- Traditions at Chinese New Year
- Going on a bear hunt around the school

## Winter Bears Chinese New Year

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Understand we are similar and different
- Recognising and managing feelings
- Understand everyone is good at different things

### Expressive Arts and Design

This area incorporates music, drama, art and design and technology.

- Making ice sun catchers
- Different artistic mediums to represent the bear hunt story eg. Marbling ink, paint
- Learn and perform a Chinese dragon dance

### Home Learning

Daily reading

Writing own name

Independence skills eg. cutting up own food, zipping up coat, getting dressed.

### Communication and Language

- Answering questions in full sentences
- Taking turns in group discussion
- Learning preposition words eg. Under, over, through

The school day is balanced equally between times of formal and informal learning. When an adult leads an activity – this is known as Adult Directed time. At times when the children can choose learning experiences for themselves – this is known as Child Initiated time.

### Key Books

