



## FOUNDATION STAGE ONE NEWSLETTER

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SPRING 1 Term 2019



We hope that you had a lovely holiday and enjoyed the break. We would also like to welcome our new starters to Brinsley and hope that they enjoy their time in foundation.

This half term our topic is titled 'Can I have a dog?' We will be learning about different pets and how to look after them. Our role play area is set up as a Vets surgery and we will be learning about the job of being a vet and how to care for poorly animals. There will be a visit from a couple of pets and the PDSA will come in to chat about their role in animal care.

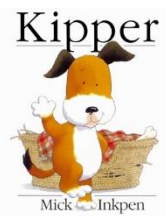
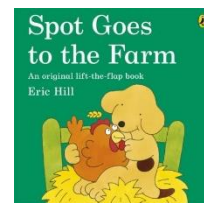
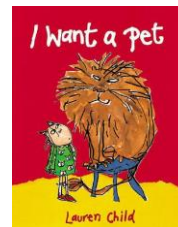
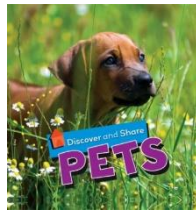
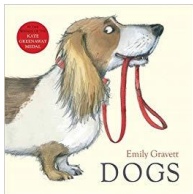
As February approaches, we will learn about the festival of Chinese New Year and will listen to Chinese dragon music and make dragon crafts.

Mr Yates and Mr Hardy, the Sports Coaches will lead PE each Monday for this half term. Children will stay in their uniform during this time. Earrings **MUST** be removed. Please speak to us if this is a problem.

*Dogs - E. Gravett*

*Vet - J. Nixon*

*Discover and Share Pets - A. Royston*



*I want a Pet - L. Child*

*Spot goes to the farm - E. Hill*

*Kipper - M. Inkpen*



### Pets Display

We would like to have a pet display in our classroom to link with the current topic. If you have a pet/pets, if possible please could children bring a photo in next week, (by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January at the latest) so that we can create some art work linked to this. If you would prefer to email a photo please email on: [office19@brinsley.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office19@brinsley.notts.sch.uk) **PLEASE ENSURE THE SUBJECT BOX OF THE EMAIL CONTAINS THE WORD: 'Pets'**. We will return any photos. If you don't have any pets, don't worry the children will be able to think of a pet that they would like to own!

### Outdoor Sound Wall

The FS 2 children, are looking at sound as part of their topic and are making a music wall outside. If you have any donations of pots, pans, wooden, plastic or metal spoons these would be greatly received.

## Rhyme of the Week

We will be looking at a different nursery rhyme each week, which we will sing and sometimes practise actions with. We will send home a copy of the words for the rhyme each week, however below is a list of the rhymes for this half term. The following website has animations for you to practise with your child at home.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/earlylearning/nurserysongs>

### **January**

7<sup>th</sup> - The Wheels on the bus

14<sup>th</sup> - One, two, buckle my shoe

21<sup>st</sup> - One big hippo balancing

28<sup>th</sup> - One finger, one thumb keep moving

### **February**

4<sup>th</sup> - Chinese New Year Dragon Dance Song (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=by5sTzh67fU>)

11<sup>th</sup> - Ten in the bed

## Library Books

Every Monday your child will have the opportunity to choose a book to bring home. This book will be one they have chosen that interests or excites them. Please take time to share the book with your child, and remember to return it the following Monday, just drop it in the green box. A new one will not be given if it is not returned. We will also send home a reading diary, so that you can write in it when you have shared the book with your child.



## Water Bottles & Snack

Children are allowed to bring in water bottles which can be accessed throughout the session. Please do not send fizzy drinks and make sure the bottle is labelled clearly with your child's name. During snack time all children will be given the opportunity to have milk and snack (a piece of fruit or vegetable). Morning children can order a hot snack if they would like one. You can pay and order hot snack in the morning or for the whole week if you prefer. Pizza muffins have been replaced by a crumpet and butter.

Toast & Butter 20p    Toast & Jam 25p

Crumpet & Butter 35p



## Dates for your Diary

*Details will follow for the activities below, please look out for whole school letters.*

15/1/19 - Phonics meeting

14/2/19 - Valentines Disco (details to follow)

15/2/19 - Last day & half term begins

25/2/19 - School starts back

## Outstanding Owl of the Week



Each week we choose one child from the morning session and one from the afternoon session to be our 'Outstanding Owls'. The children will receive a certificate and will have their photographs displayed in the school hall alongside the other children through school.

### Clothing



The children will have outdoor learning every day. Please ensure that they have appropriate clothing with them. Some weeks on Friday's we will be going onto the school field, so could you please provide your child with a pair of wellies that can be kept in school. Please make sure they are clearly labelled with your child's full name. We will always try to give you notice if we are going to go on the field.

Spare clothes, school uniform and coats **MUST** be labelled with your child's name. This makes it easier for us to match up your child, with their clothing, not easy with 3 and 4 year olds in unnamed clothing! If your child is sent home in our spare clothes, please return them once washed.



### WOW Moments

In the unit, we would love to hear about any recent achievements, news or exciting activities that you and your child have been up to at home. In the cloakroom area is our WOW board. Please write any exciting things you would like to share with us on a WOW slip located in the packet on the board. Please find attached some WOW slips.



### Wall of Fame

Once you've let us know in the unit, please go to the office and fill in the Wall of Fame sheet. This will mean your child will get a mention in assembly and can choose a prize from the goodie box.

### Helping at Home

- ❖ Read/share a book with your child every evening for a few minutes.
- ❖ Practice holding a pencil.
- ❖ Practice counting - count the stairs you climb/the plates at tea time.
- ❖ Talk to her/him about their day at Nursery. A good way of getting something out of your child is to ask the question: What was the best thing about today?
- ❖ Encourage independent skills, e.g. toileting, putting on and fastening their own coat, putting their things on their own peg.



If you would like to speak to us, the end of a session is usually the best time, however if we are unavailable we are more than happy to make an appointment to see you.

Thank you for your support.

The Foundation 1 team

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