

EYFS NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 1



WELCOME BACK!

We hope you've had a lovely holiday celebrating Christmas and spending time with families and friends and are well rested for a very busy and exciting half term at school. We would like to say how proud we are of the children for performing so well and with such confidence in their first school nativity, it was lovely to see so many families enjoy the shows! Well done children!

What your is child learning about this term?

This half term we will be focusing on 'The Secret Life of Pets!' learning to identify and name common jungle animals and the difference between these and pets, where they live and comparing their habitats to Milton Keynes. We will begin our learning journey by focusing on the stories 'Monkey Puzzle' and 'Animal Boogie' to focus on the animals that we find in the jungle and name them. We will then focus on animals we keep as pets and look at our own pets, how we care for them and what they need. The stories 'Lulu gets a cat' and 'Our very own dog' help us to discuss and learn about their needs. We will also explore pets by sharing animal experiences through visits by friendly pets; a parrot and a dog! We will then focus on the celebration of 'Chinese New Year' sharing the traditions and discussing who celebrates this special festival. We will then perform a short assembly sharing this learning. During our last week of the term we have a very exciting focus; People who help us. We will be learning about the people and services who help us in our local community with visits from a Vet and an Optician.

Please see our Curriculum Map on our school website where you can also find photos of our learning: [Foundation Stage Curriculum | Glastonbury Thorn School](#)

What is our wow moment this term?

This half term the children will have a very exciting interactive visit from 'Little City' where the children will have the opportunity to explore and play in a variety of role play scenes, hospital, shop, vets etc.

We look forward to working with you and your child this half term! From Mrs Hughes, Miss Shannon and Mrs Underwood

PE AND GAMES

PE Day: **Tigers – Wednesday**
Leopards- Thursday.

Please ensure children come into school in their PE kit on these days. Our PE lessons are both indoors and outdoors so please ensure appropriate warm clothing is provided.

HOMEWORK

Your child will now be bringing home a book. We ask that your child shares their book with you and practises using their blending board **a minimum of 4 times per week**. We ask that you record this in their reading record which will be sent home with their book.

UNIFORM

We would like to remind you that children should be in the correct school uniform which can be found on the school website. Jogging bottoms are suitable for PE days or a special circumstance that has been discussed with the class teacher. We ask that you please be mindful of the school colours when buying jumpers and cardigans for your child. We thank you for your support with this.