

Early Years Parent Partnership Newsletter

Snowdrop Class

April 2021

We hope you all had a lovely Easter and enjoyed some quality family time together.

This half term our topic is 'Why is water wet?'. For the first couple of weeks we will be exploring water and the properties and concepts that come with it. We will be making giant bubbles, experimenting with floating and sinking, exploring ice and talking about staying safe near water.

We will then be moving onto a topic about life cycles. We will be having an exciting delivery of Caterpillars! The caterpillars will live in a net in the classroom and the children will be able to closely observe them and learn about the life cycle of a Butterfly. Hopefully, we will be able to release 3 or 4 Butterflies at the end of our topic.

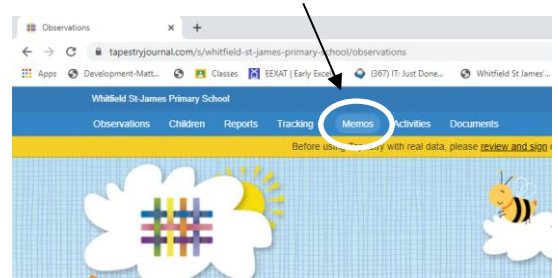
And lastly, we will be learning about growing and focusing on the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We might also have a special delivery of magic beans which the children could plant and see if a beanstalk grows. The children will also be growing lots of different vegetables in our planter outside. We will be teaching the children what plants and vegetables need to grow and how we can look after them. This will lead nicely onto healthy eating and talking to the children about why we should eat vegetables and what food is healthy for us. As always, we will be following the children's ongoing interests throughout the term as well.

Tapestry

Hopefully you all should have received your activation emails and are able to log in to your child's profile. We will continue to upload photographs to Tapestry throughout the term as we did with EExAT. Please feel free to comment on observations and photographs and don't forget you can also add to your child's profile as well. I will be adding newsletters, weekly snapshot and any other reminders onto Tapestry. This will be under the 'memo' tab.

Things to bring to school

- Bookbag **every day**
- Sunhat
- Pair of wellies to **keep** at school - Please make sure your child has a pair of wellies in school as we often need them daily as the children explore our water area and woodland.
- £1 Snack Money on a **Monday**
- Return Library book on a **Tuesday**



Sun cream

As we will (hopefully) be moving to a period of better weather, please ensure long lasting sun cream is applied in the morning before coming to school and that children bring a cap/hat in warmer weather. Please don't send in bottles of sun cream as due to COVID we won't be able to apply it at school. Thank you.

School Places

Last week, you will have hopefully been allocated a Reception place for your child. If your child isn't going to be attending our school please can you inform a teacher which school your child is going to attend so that we can contact them and pass on the relevant information for transition. Thank you.

Snack money

Snack money for this half term is **£6**. We ask for a voluntary contribution of **£1 per week**. Please bring this in a named envelope and ask your child to hand it to their teacher. We really do rely on snack money for not only the children's snack but for baking, playdough, messy play and much more. Thank you.

The weekly snapshot will continue to be uploaded to the website and Tapestry. This will tell you some of the activities your child will be engaged in throughout the week. I have highlighted which days we propose to teach these activities so that if you wish you can continue with home learning at home.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to one of the teachers or contact us by email.

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Here are some of the display's up in the Nursery Classroom at the moment.

