**Clover Hill Primary School**

**Reception Class – Spring 1 2024**

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for another busy term in Reception class! Our first week is flying over and everyone has settled back in brilliantly!

You will find an overview of the activities we are aiming to be involved in over the coming half term over the page. We will also be encouraging the children to lead their learning by planning in additional activities that follow the children’s current interests.

Our P.E. sessions will continue to be each Wednesday with daily opportunities for outdoor play. Please can we remind you to ensure long hair is tied back.

Reading - We are really pleased with how well the children are progressing with their reading. The most successful children are often those who revisit their book a number of times during the week at home so please remember to share your child’s reading book with them at least three times. Please remember to write a brief comment in the Home Links book each time your child reads their school book at home and send Home Links books and your child’s current reading book into school each day.

A plea! - We will be using lots of silver foil this half term; any

donations will be gratefully received! Please also send empty boxes from cereal, tea bags, toothpaste etc., kitchen roll tubes and egg boxes which we will use in our model making. Please do not send any boxes in that have contained nuts. Many thanks!

Remember, our school website is a great way to keep informed about what is going on at Clover Hill and there are often lots of photos of us hard at work! Please also remember to send us photos on Seesaw of anything exciting you are up to or photos of your child hard at work when reading, the children love to share these photos with their friends when we look at them on our big screen!

Thank you for your continued support. Please see one of the team if you have any queries.

Mrs. Gamble and Mrs. Johnson

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| |  | | --- | | Happy New Year!  Week 1  Christmas news  Re-establishing routines  Introduction to space topic  Introduce zero  Consolidate understanding of the numbers to 5 | | Space!  Weeks 2-5  Space stories  Retell stories using masks and props  Space station role play  Space facts  Space observations  Messages from space  Astronaut’s kit  Introduce numerals 6-8  Composition of numbers to 8  Number bonds within 8  Create planets, rockets and alien masks  Space songs  Using instruments to create space sounds | | Lunar New Year  Week 6  How and why Lunar New Year is  celebrated  Introduce 9  Composition of 9  Number bonds within 9  Composition of 4 and 9 as square numbers | | Other areas of learning  PE – Dance – Space dance,  Gymnastics - Large apparatus – balancing / climbing / travelling  Music— Space songs  Computing – using software to support our areas of learning,  programming BlueBots  Expressive art and design –  Painting / colour mixing / collage / models  French – Greetings / numbers to 10 |   Dates for your diary.  Thursday 8th February @ 9.15—Class assembly, please come along to our assembly where we will share our work on space with you all!  Friday 16th February—Take it Outside Day—Please wear own clothes and bring wellies as we will be spending much of the day outside.  Ways in which you can help your child at home  Your child’s day in Reception is filled with fun and exciting learning opportunities and we are sure they must come home very tired after such a busy day. It is for this reason that we do not set formal homework tasks. However, if you feel that your child would enjoy and benefit from some additional activities, the following list may be of use. You will notice that many of these suggestions are play based. This is very much in line with the way children learn in school.    **In school, we will continue to focus on children’s pencil grip and letter formation. Your support with this at home is very beneficial and appreciated.**    Reading  Practise graphemes in Early Reading Pack  Read reading books three times per week  Practise reading Tricky Words in back of Home Links book  Practise spelling Tricky Words in back of Home Links book (as appropriate)  Writing  Writing name (capital first letter then all lower case).  Forming letters in sand, playdough, shaving foam.  Writing name on birthday cards / thank you cards.  Playing schools—making registers etc.  Helping to write shopping lists.  Playing “I spy” during car journeys.  Maths  Counting the stairs to bed.  Singing number rhymes e.g. Five Little Ducks.  Counting sweets, toys.  Laying the table for tea and counting how many plates etc are needed.  Playing with real money from a purse and playing shops.  Pouring and filling in the bath—how many cups will fill the jug?  Giving children directions to find hidden items - e.g. look beside the book.  Talk about significant times of the day e.g. 5 o’clock; time for tea. |