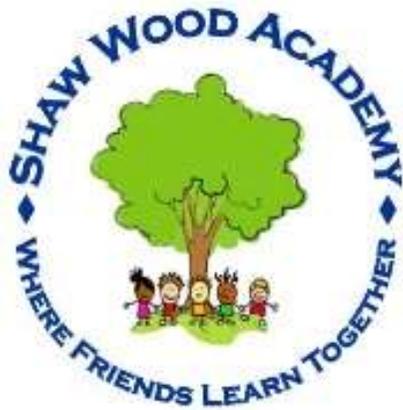


PARENTS INFORMATION BOOKLET

Spring Term 2019



Mrs Hodgkinson and
Miss McCay
Foundation 2
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A note from Mrs Hodgkinson and Miss McCay.....

We hope you had a good holiday.

Hopefully the weather is getting milder and we are looking forward to getting out and about with lots of days out planned for this half term to support our topic 'Where we Live'. Letters of dates have been sent out please make sure the children have their wellie boots and suitable clothing in school on these days to accommodate all weathers. We will put a list of these dates on the class notice boards as a reminder.

Family homework

We would love you to get involved in building a model or making a picture of a building so we can create a mini Armthorpe village within our classroom. Some ideas might include a shop, church, fish and chip take away, café, garage, library etc. Please include your children in this process as much as possible, we will put these on display in the classroom.

World Book Day

We are celebrating this on Wednesday. Our year group are promoting bed time stories, children can wear bedtime clothing please come in to school and share a story with your child on this day.

It is fantastic that more and more children are now taking a reading scheme book home. After practising this book at home for a week, please bring it back to school for us to listen to your child read if you have not brought it in earlier. Please remember to take it out of the book bag and place it in the reading tray.

Please ensure you have signed up for Parent meetings.

The Foundation team.



Some areas for development this term

In Literacy some children will be learning the name of letters and matching capital and lower case letters. We will be encouraging the children to write more independently and become more confident in writing words by sounding them out and using their knowledge of tricky words. Other groups of children will be continuing to write simple sentences and using cvc words, putting 2, 3 and 4 words together and continuing to write a sentence to accompany a picture.

In maths the children will be halving and doubling numbers and continuing to add and subtract numbers to 20. We will be encouraging the children to use their maths skills and what they know about numbers to solve problems in play situations.

Following on from last terms apparatus sessions the children will be developing their gymnastic skills on a variety of gymnastic equipment. Please make sure the children have long hair tied back and have the correct P.E. clothes, they will not want to miss out!!



Outline of the themes for this term

Our topic this half term is 'Where we Live'. We will be walking around the local area, walking to the woods and visiting the library and church. We will be developing the children's ability to talk about features of their local environment and the people who work in it. We will teach the children to compare places and talk about how they are different. We would like the children to tell us what they like about living where they do and what might make it even better.

We will be learning to retell the story 'Handa's Surprise' this story is set in Kenya. We will talk to the children about how Handa's home is different to their own.

We will be learning about the traditions of Easter and hopefully towards the end of the term, begin to look for signs of Spring.

For the last 2 weeks of the half term the Happy Chick Company will be delivering eggs and the children will be able to watch the eggs hatch in an incubator and see the chicks grow. They will take on the responsibility of looking after the chicks and have the opportunity to handle them.

How you can help your child?

Before half term your child will have received their new targets. Please continue to work on these at home.

Continue to practise your child's reading book on a daily basis and practice tricky words.

Our Theme of Our Community is a great topic for family members to get involved in by talking to the children about Armthorpe and the roles people play within the community. Talk to the children about taking care of the place we live and what being a good member of the community is all about.

Many thanks.



