



South Gosforth First School
EYFS Half Termly News



Spring Term 2 March 2022



Welcome back to our new half term. We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful half term break together. It is lovely to be returning to school with lighter mornings and evenings and we are looking forward to spending lots of time together outside as the weather improves. We have made a couple of changes to our daily timetable, so please see the new version for this half term which will be emailed to you with this newsletter.

Phonics

We continue this half term with our daily 'Little Wandle' phonics sessions. There are no new sounds or tricky words introduced this half term, so we focus on reinforcing what we have already learnt and making sure the children are confident with recognising the sounds and reading words containing them.

For part of the session, we split the class in half so that half of the class complete handwriting practice and the other half continue with the writing part of the phonics session and then we swap over. This ensures that the children are also given plenty of opportunity to practise applying their phonics into writing and also develop their handwriting.

Reading

Many thanks for your support with reading at home. We will continue to send three reading books home each week:

Book 1: Little Wandle "Big Cat" e-book that the children will have read previously during their three reading sessions in school. There will be a piece of paper in your child's reading folder each Friday which will tell you the title of the book that they need to read that week.

Book 2: A further phonic book from our school selection will also be sent home. This book will align with the phonic phase that your child is working at and will enable your child to apply their phonic skills using sounds that they have recently learnt.

Book 3: Each child will also choose a library book that is read for enjoyment and an adult will share with them. This can be any book chosen from the school library.

This half term, both classes will visit the library on Thursday, so please ensure that your child returns their library book to school on a Thursday morning. They will not be able to choose a new book unless they have returned their previous book.

We will collect all Reading Folders and books in on a **Thursday** so that we can ensure that the children have the appropriate new book ready to bring home on Friday, so please ensure that these are in your child's bag every Thursday.

Please can we also remind parents and carers to sign your child's reading diary when you have heard them read. If their diary has not been signed, then we do not know whether they have read the book or not and so it may not be changed for a new book.

P.E.



This half term, we will have PE every **Friday.**

The children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits every Friday. They will need to wear their PE T-shirt, school jumper or cardigan, dark tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Mathematics



In Maths this half term, we will be investigating numbers 9 and 10, comparing numbers to 10 and starting to learn number bonds to 10.

The children will complete a linked Maths activity with the class teacher each week and also complete several maths activities during Busy Play throughout the week.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to working with both yourselves and your wonderful children this half term.



Tapestry

Many thanks to those of you who have continued to send us your signed homework timetables and photographs and videos of the children completing the activities. We love looking at their activities and the children enjoy sharing them with their friends in school as well.

We will continue to send the homework timetable to you as an attachment on the Tapestry Homework post.

Just a reminder that we do also post weekly updates of what we have been getting up to in Reception on our school Twitter page, @SouthGosforthFS, and our Facebook page, so look out for any updates on there.



Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 3rd March -

World Book Day - children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Friday 18th March -

Visit to the BALTIC

Centre for Contemporary Art - information regarding the visit will be sent out separately to you.

Tuesday 22nd March -

Reception Year Group Assembly for parents and carers. Following our Covid guidelines and, as with other year groups, this will be recorded and sent to you to watch via Zoom.

Tuesday 29th March and

Wednesday 30th March -

Family Consultation Meetings - details of how to book your appointment will be sent out to you nearer the time.

