

Oak Lodge EYFS Weekly News

Spring Term 1 - Week Ending 7.1.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful Christmas break.

Welcome also to spring term in EYFS! We have a number of exciting topics for the children to learn about and develop greater knowledge in. We are back with a bang and learning all about Dinosaurs! So far the children are enthusiastic and enthralled learning lots of facts.

A few reminders:

- We will continue to have Forest School on Fridays so please ensure kits have been returned and are clearly named.
- Ladybirds' PE is on Tuesdays. Bumblebees and Butterflies is on Thursdays.
- The children's reading books will still be changed on Mondays and Thursdays. Please continue to write in the reading record daily.
- Please check names are still on water bottles and in **each item of clothing** including hats, scarves and gloves and that your child's book bag is in school each day. Also, please check your child hasn't grown out of their school shoes, wellies or trainers as this happens often! Lastly, please send your child in with a clearly named water bottle each day and that it only has water in please, not juice.

Many thanks from the EYFS team

Prime Areas

C&L: We have been discussing their holiday and the experiences that they have had.

PD: Gross motor—we have been balancing on stilts, balancing on apparatus and riding bikes and scooters.

Fine motor: We have used our writing fingers to pick up egg-shaped objects with tweezers. We have also used wipe boards to practise our phonics and letter shapes.

PSED: We have spent time reinforcing and praising the use of our class rules after our two-week break. We also enjoyed taking turns to listen to the children's Christmas news and practised how to be a good audience!

Specific Areas

Literacy: We have been reading Harry and his bucketful of Dinosaurs and talking about his adventures and names of the dinosaurs.

Phonics: We have recapped phase 3 sounds and practised writing words and sentences.

Maths: We have learnt about the number zero and re-capping numbers up to 5.

EAD: We have made our own dinosaur using paper plates and paint.

UW: We learned about the different countries that the dinosaurs bones and fossils were found and where they lived. We have also enjoyed the snow flurries and talked about the wintery weather.

Weekly Challenge

Practise subitising: Roll a die and encourage your child to say which number it is quickly. Talk about the arrangement of dots on a die and how they are laid out to help them remember which number it is. Hold up amounts of fingers and quickly recall which number you are showing. Also, lay out crayons or pasta in the same shape as dots on a die to help them make associations with numbers represented in different ways.