



Aim High, Fly High

Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Sheldrakes Families,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have all had an enjoyable and safe Christmas break and are settling back into the routine of school.

Before we welcome you to the Spring Term, we would like to say a very big thank you for all of the wonderfully lovely and generous gifts you bought for us at Christmas. It was most kind of you.

So, welcome to Spring Term in Sheldrakes class. This term we find that the children really bloom and apply their previous learning more independently, whilst developing and learning further.

We have started our return to school and to the new term with lots of positive attitudes to learning and some excellent behaviour which is great. Thank you for ensuring your children are coming into school on time so that they are ready to start their learning promptly.

Outdoor learning

A large part of our Early Years curriculum is outdoor learning, therefore please ensure your child comes to school in a coat every day, and hats/gloves and wellies for when the weather is that little bit colder and/or wet. This term we will also be starting a weekly 'outdoor adventure' afternoon, the day of the week is yet to be confirmed. On this day, please do send your child with extra socks, wellies (if they're not in school already), joggers, hats etc to ensure they keep as warm as possible. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

Learning

Our topic this half term is 'Walking in a Winter Wonderland' and is based on Winter and changes in seasons. We will be learning through the children's own exploration and ideas as well as using the stories Stickman, Blue Penguin and a National Geographic book - Penguins. This will enable the children to learn about weather, seasons, countries, environments, habitats, fiction and non-fiction books. Our learning will still be fun, engaging and lots of play-based and exploratory opportunities will be available.

The best way to support your children in their learning is to continue to make sure that they come into school every day on time, that you hear them read at least four times per week and support them with any other home learning that may come home. Plenty of sleep and breakfast every day is always the most important part to ensure they are ready for the days learning ahead of them!

Proud moments

We have a Proud Clouds wall just outside Sheldrakes classroom to help celebrate your child's achievements and special moments outside of school. If your child achieves anything out of school, please do email/bring in any certificates, photos and comments for your child to share with the class. This could include achieving something for the first time, achieving something that they have been working hard on, starting swimming classes or moving up into the next level. It could be reading well at home, or helping to lay the table or putting their own shoes on. We look forward to hearing about these proud moments and displaying them on our wall for all to see.

PE

Please note that our PE days this half term will be on a Monday/Tuesday and Friday. The children should continue to come into school wearing their PE kits on these days.

Healthy Living

We are putting together a display of healthy living. If you have any photos of your child participating in exercise, even just being outside or on a walk, eating healthily, preparing a healthy dinner/snack, getting dressed etc then we would love to put them up on our wall. Please email or bring these in.

Reminders

Please ensure your child has their reading book with them in school everyday so that they can continue reading the same book, also, please write in the reading log book when your child has read at home. When they read for a minimum of 4 times per week they receive a sticker. On achieving ten stickers, they receive a certificate in the whole school Celebration Assembly which is a very proud moment for them.

Mrs Shannon

Mrs Shannon will be returning back to school and is looking forward to seeing the Sheldrakes children and their families again.

If you have any questions or concerns, at any time, we are always happy to speak with you. This can be a quick chat at pick up time, by email or telephone, or for a longer discussion we will be happy to arrange to meet at a mutually convenient time.

With kind regards,
Miss Haith and Mrs Shannon