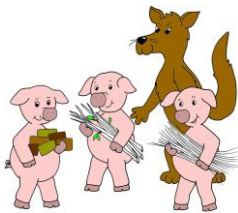


# Hardwick Primary School Early Years Foundation Stage Spring Term Newsletter January 2011

Happy New Year to everyone and a big welcome to all our new children, it is great to see all the children settling in so well to their new classes. Our main topic for this half term is 'Stories we love' which will focus on traditional stories and tales. We will be using stories to extend the children's learning in all six areas of development within the foundation stage. In science we will focus on materials and problem solving related to these stories. The children in Foundation Stage will also be exploring friendship, looking after each other and the environment we are in. We will of course revisit our classes golden rules. In knowledge and understanding we will be looking at stories about 'Friends of Jesus' as well as learning about relevant festivals around the world.



After half term our topic will be 'Eggs' which will coincide with Spring. In science we will be considering 'New life' and 'Changes' in relation to living things. Also in knowledge and understanding we will be looking at the Easter story and continuing our work on festivals.

Please remember to choose a storybook from the library in the shared area as regularly as you would like and to put the ticket in your child's ticket holder. P.E. days will be displayed in the classrooms. Please make sure all clothes and bookbags are clearly labelled so that lost and mislaid items are quickly returned. A small keyring added to your child's bookbag can help them to identify it.

Our share task to be completed at home this half term, if you would like, is to create a 'rhyming box' i.e. a decorated box which contains a group of rhyming words. These could have long or short sounds in the middle depending on your child's development. Our newest children in Nursery will make a sound box – details to follow. At the end of the Spring term there will be an opportunity for parents to join us for an egg hunt.

Please remember that we have 'Show and Tell' on a Friday and your child will bring home a reminder slip when it is their turn. Other than this please encourage your child to leave their toys at home, unless it is a topic related item which we would of course love to see. This helps prevent loss or breakage of favourite toys!

If you have any questions about any of the above matters please do come and speak to us. We would like to thank existing parents for your continued support and involvement with your child's learning. Once again welcome to our new parents and children. We look forward to getting to know you and your child and working together. It is going to be an exciting term!

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