



Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back, I trust that you all had a restful week. This term we would like to welcome Mrs Bennet and Mrs Noble to FS. Please see our attached Curriculum Map which outlines our focus for this term; we are looking forward to a fun filled six weeks and hopefully more sunshine!

This term's **Stay and Play** session will be on **Tuesday 19th March 0845-0945hrs**. Parents please meet us at the gate as usual and we will sign you in. This is an opportunity for you to join your child during the first part of their morning where you will experience CIP and they can share their experiences with you. Younger siblings are most welcome however; I would ask that you be responsible for them during your visit. We look forward to seeing you.

Clothing

- Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the weather including warm clothing that will allow them to continue to play outside.
- Wet weather clothing should be kept in school throughout the week please.
- All items of clothing should be named in order to assist us in helping your child to wear clothes belonging to them. Please do check labels if your child comes home with a different item of clothing, in case they have mistakenly picked up someone else's.

Whilst we follow the St.David's School uniform policy, may I recommend that you dress your child in comfortable, practical clothing that they can manage themselves and move around in, freely and safely. You may wish to consider elasticated waists, leggings or jogging bottoms and trainers. As snow boots and wellies may need to be worn to school, please remember to provide your child with an 'indoor' pair of shoes, pumps or hard soled slippers that can be kept in school.

Please provide spare clothing in a named bag that can stay in school throughout the term- children will get wet and messy. I recommend extra underwear as accidents do happen.

Reading

Thank you for continuing to share reading books and library books that come home. Please note that our library day is on a **Tuesday**.

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Please do make a note in reading records to let us know that you have shared books at home. If you would like to keep a book for longer please indicate so in your child's reading record.

In 'Letters and Sounds' we will continue to learn alternative spellings for some of our learned phonemes and we will continue to build our bank of tricky words to practice. Children will be encouraged to segment words for writing and to blend sounds for reading.

Physical Development

As part of our Child Initiated Play, we will have a dedicated time in the hall which is moved to **Wednesdays** where all children will have access to resources that will promote the development of physical co-ordination and balance. This half term we will be focussing on developing our gross motor skills; throwing, catching, kicking, climbing and moving in different ways. On a Wednesday, we encourage children to come to school dressed in leggings or tracksuit bottoms that will allow them to move freely.

Snack

Our snack menu is published on our class page of the school website. Drinking water is available throughout the day; therefore drinks bottles are not necessary.

Forest School

This term, Forest School will be lead by Mrs Redgwell on the following dates:

Friday 15th March

Friday 22nd March

Friday 29th March

Please ensure that children come to school dressed in their forest kit: longs sleeved tops, trousers, boots, waterproof coats, waterproof trousers, gloves, and hats. Please ensure that boots and waterproof trousers / salopettes are named.

If you would like to volunteer to support us at Forest School, please see the ladies in the office.

As always, should you wish to talk to myself or one of our team, please see us at the gate or contact us via the school office.

Best regards,

Hazel Redman
Early Years Leader