



Welcome back!

Spring Term 1 2021

January 2021

Welcome back to Preschool everyone. It certainly isn't the kind of start to a brand new year we wanted, but it is lovely to see at least some of the children in. For those parents whose children will not be attending Preschool at the moment, could you please access our home/school learning through Tapestry. We will be uploading a selection of activities each Monday to tie in with the same weekly themes we are covering in class.

This term's topic is 'Twinkle Twinkle'.

We will be learning about the stars, the moon, astronauts and rockets. There will be lots of crafts and sensory activities, and we have our own small world rockets and space shuttles to create imaginative games with our friends.

Each week we have a themed story and this term we have some wonderful books which include Laura's Star and Beegu The Alien. Stories in class open up discussion, and Beegu is a perfect way to discuss kindness, friendship and the importance of our families.

We will be observing the winter changes in our forest and have some lovely outdoor activities planned for our children.

We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year later in the term, 2021 is the year of the Ox.

As always, please ensure your child has a labelled water bottle, a spare set of clothes and labelled wellies for the forest. A warm coat, hat and gloves will be essential as the cold winter weather is upon us. We spend so much time outside in all weathers and some children really do feel the cold. We have waterproof trousers for the muddy weather, however if your child has their own set please try to send them to school.

We ask once again to not send your child to Preschool with toys from home - to reduce the risk of any cross contamination. We will continue to thoroughly clean all equipment indoors and outside at the end of every session, and tables and doors will be washed regularly throughout the day.

Although we are still unable to invite parents into class, please feel free to speak to us at the door if you have any concerns or email school direct (admin@hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk).

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