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# Hedgehogs Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a good break and it has been lovely to welcome the children back in for the Spring Term.

Toys Topic

Our current spring topic is ‘Toys Past and Present’. We will be beginning our English and History learning based on the story ‘Old Bear’ and looking at the differences between old toys and new toys. In English we will look at descriptive writing and labelling when we are reading Old Bear. We will then move onto reading Paddington Bear, where we will learn about instructional texts and we will write our own set of instructions for making a marmalade sandwich. This topic will lead into many other learning opportunities across the curriculum. We will deepen our understanding by discovering the different materials toys are made from and why. Please see attached topic web with ideas about our learning opportunities and key vocabulary from this topic. As the term progresses, our topic then moves on to ‘Transport’.

PE & Forest School

Forest School will continue to be on Wednesday afternoons, alternating between Group A and Group B. On their forest school days, please can children come into school in their forest school clothes, with spare clothes to change into. PE sessions will continue to be on a Monday and Friday. Please ensure your child arrives wearing the correct clothing for these days. With the colder weather, it is advisable that your child brings in leggings or warmer tracksuit bottoms to ensure they can continue to learn outside. Children are welcome to wear a longer T-shirt underneath their PE top when the temperature drops.

### Reading

The children need their book bags and reading book with diaries in school **every day**. Please listen to your child reading regularly to help support their progress in reading. In the classroom, we aim to listen to your child reading individually at least once a week.

Library

As well as the reading books already sent home each week matching your child’s reading level, we will continue to send home a library book of your child’s choice. Please ensure that these books are in your child’s book bag every Tuesday so that they can be changed at the appropriate time each week.

Homework

Homework will continue to be posted on Google Classroom along with paper copies now being sent home. The homework will include a summary of our maths learning that week and also a list of words related to our phonics learning. Spellings will continue to be set via edshed. We will have a spelling quiz/activities on a Friday morning, so please practise these with your child at home.

**Volunteers very welcome!**

**We’d greatly appreciate any support with reading, even if you can only offer an hour of your time here or there. We are also always desperate for help at Forest School sessions on Wednesday afternoons, 1-3pm. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at:** [**emilyf@wivelsfield.e-sussex.sch.uk**](mailto:emilyf@wivelsfield.e-sussex.sch.uk) **or the school office:** [**office@wivelsfield.e-sussex.sch.uk**](mailto:office@wivelsfield.e-sussex.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support,

**Miss Faull**