



WELCOME BACK!

We hope you have had a restful Christmas holidays. This half term our topic is Dinosaurs! This topic was chosen due to quite a few children showing a keen interest in dinosaurs and have thoroughly enjoyed the dinosaur resources at school last week.

Nursery Children — if your child is due to start Reception in September 2022, you need to complete their admissions form by SATURDAY 15TH JANUARY. Further information can be found at

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/applyforaninfantorprimaryschoolplaceforsept2017/startingschoolinseptember2019.asp>

On this website, there is a link to apply for your child's place on line as well as a word document if you wish to fill it in and post.

We welcome our new Nursery children to our class this term, Jack, Rory, Maisie, Ralph and Reuben!

Family picture - Please could you email a family picture that we can print, laminate and add to our family tree? The children love to look at familiar faces at school and discuss who is important to them to their peers. Please could you email it to: [snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk)

Tapestry — It is lovely to see you accessing the observations of your child's online learning journey and seeing their adventures at school!

Did you know that you can add observations to your child's Tapestry of adventures and achievements from home as well?

At the end of your child's Reception Year, we send a link for you to download your child's learning journal (the majority are a minimum of 250 pages!) and it is lovely to look back at everything they have achieved and is a lovely keepsake.

*Christmas Cards — if you have any Christmas Cards at home that you are recycling, please could we have the picture (with no personal messages on the back, please)*

*Tell & Tell — The children did so well with their tell and tell in the Autumn Term, we would like the children to have another opportunity! We will send home a slip next week with your child's date, please could you email your picture to [snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk) like last time. (You have heard of show and tell, welcome to tell and tell! You will receive a slip when it is your child's turn for 'tell and tell', please email a picture of what your child would like to tell the class by the day before at the latest to: [snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk) so we can put the picture on the large projector for everyone to see.)*

*PE — Friday PE will still be on a Friday, please can you ensure that your child is wearing something appropriate for them to partake.*

*Reflecting on last half terms topic, Space — The second half of the Autumn Term is always a busy one with Christmas, the Christmas play, the children have settled into their new routine and learning a new topic all at the same time! The children learnt different facts about the planets, that the moon wasn't made of cheese but in fact had craters! The children discovered the international space station, how astronauts eat, wash their hair, clean their teeth and go to the toilet whilst in space. The children wrote a list of what they would take to space with them, had astronaut training, space yoga and much, much more!*

*As always, any queries, please speak to a member of staff or email me on [snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk)*