

Welcome back!

Spring 2 2022

We hope you have had a restful and relaxing half term.
Our topic this half term is Peter Rabbit and gardening!

Phonics

We have recently purchased, 'Supersonic Phonics Friends' to deliver our phonics lessons and are moving away from Jolly Phonics. When we trialled this scheme, the children loved the characters and all the fun actions so we knew this was the phonics scheme to have in school! Every week, there will be a newsletter about what your child has learnt that week and, in the future, myself and Mrs. Stanway will be delivering a phonics evening (this maybe online – more information to follow).

Reading books

As we have changed phonics schemes, all of the children's phonic reading books will have a sticker to show what level the books are at. The book that your child will bring home will be at their phonological level.

Outdoor learning

As the weather improves, the children will be spending more time outside. Please can you ensure that their waterproof clothing and wellington boots are at school (these can be kept at school if you wish, please make sure that they are labelled clearly).

Blending books – Reception

At the back of your child's blending book is a tricky word list. The children need to be able to both read and spell these words by the end of Reception. Please could you help your child read these words. Any questions, please do ask!





Parent questionnaire



Thank you for filling in the questionnaire, it was so lovely to see the responses with the majority for each answer was, 'strongly agree'. When I started at Allithwaite School, it was one of my missions to rapidly increase parental communication and to create a stronger partnership with parents to help support their child's learning journey.



To clarify a few of the questions that had some responses, 'I do not know':

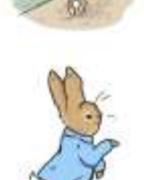
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- Parents evenings are in the Autumn and Spring term with written reports sent in the Summer Term.
 - The noticeboard is the board outside the door where Snowy Owls are dropped off and picked up.
 - As parents, you know your child the best. If you wish to talk to a member of staff or email me at: snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk, to discuss any queries or arrange a meeting. To help us with your child's learning journey, please do add photos and comments to your child's online learning journey via Tapestry. This helps us with your child's learning journey and at the end of their journey in Snowy Owls, it is also a wonderful keepsake.



We are going on an adventure!



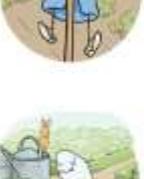
In the summer term, we plan to walk more and learn more about our local area with a possible trip to Hampsfell – we will keep you informed. We will also like to walk to a local farm in the summer term so we will be practicing increasing our leg strength by taking regular walks around the village. As with all walks around the village, you will be informed either the day before or in the morning during drop off.



Brushing teeth at school



Implementing the new EYFS framework in September 2021, a new section of the framework includes oral health. Oral health has been included in the EYFS reframed framework due to; "nearly a quarter of 5 year olds in England have tooth decay, with 3 or 4 teeth affected on average." Gov.uk.



A suggestion is for supervised brushing at school, which would most probably take place at 1:30, half an hour after lunch. If we were to implement this, I would like to ask parents their point of view on it, whether they would be happy their child is supervised brushing their teeth at school and I would also need staff to be trained in this area. If you have an opinion about this, please could you email me at: snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk by **Friday 11th March**.



Last week, we had an interesting conversation about teeth. When Penny was born, she had pneumothorax which is a hole in a lung. Due to a short stay in Neo-natal and having antibiotics, the side affects of the antibiotics can affect the child's teeth. Penny has hypoplastic molars which means her molars have grown with no enamel on them. Further X-rays have shown that one adult molar is already affected by this condition and will need to be treated as soon as it is present. As a class, we discussed healthy foods, sugar on teeth and why Penny has to brush her teeth half an hour after every meal and why sugar is very limited in her diet due to this condition.



Dates for your diary....

- World Book day – Wednesday 2nd March – party outfits (not Thursday!)
- Wednesday 23rd March – Mother's Day activity. Child are welcomed to invite one female member to spend the afternoon in School creating a Mother's Day activity – it may be mum, Grandma, Aunty, a special person in their life. Please could you email me and let me know the name of who will be coming via email (snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk) by Friday 18th March at the latest.
- Wednesday 15th June – Father Day activity. Child are welcomed to invite one male member to spend the afternoon in School creating a Father's Day activity – it may be dad, Grandad, Uncle or a special person in their life. Please could you email me and let me know the name of who will be coming via email (snowyowls@allithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk) by Friday 10th June at the latest.
- Parents Evening – Date TBC asap

