



Toys and Christmas Foundation Stage Term 2

November/December 2019



Welcome back, we hope you had a restful break.

This term we will continue our exciting topics based on the interests of the children. The children love to talk about their toys and tell us about what they like to play with so we will be focusing on these interests and planning using our big books. To begin our term, Otter Class will introduce a toy's hospital and Hedgehog Class will have a toy shop. We hope to investigate toys old and new so if you have any toys from the past they would be great for show and tell.

This term we will be inviting our special people from nurseries, preschools and childminders to visit us on an open afternoon to see the children settled in at school. It's a lovely opportunity for the children to share their news and show their key workers and child minders their new school.

PE

We will continue to go outside for our PE sessions (weather permitting). Please ensure your child has outdoor PE shoes, jogging bottoms and a PE sweatshirt in their house colour. Please make sure **ALL** items are named.



Welly Walks

We will be going on our weekly welly walks **whatever the weather** so please can you make sure they have wellies and waterproof coats in school every day. Waterproof trousers would also be very helpful to save your washing!

The children also use our outside area and playground in all weathers so please ensure they have a named, waterproof coat with them every day.



Our Christmas Topic will begin in December. The children will also take part in the Christmas Production. The performance will take place on 3 afternoons and usually lasts around 40 minutes. Since there are 180 children involved in the performance, we have set a limit of 2 tickets per family. You will need to sign up for the performance that you would like to see and then you will be issued with programmes. Please bring your programme with you when you came to watch, you will not be allowed in without it! On the day you come to watch you will be able to take your child home once they have changed out of their costume.



Supporting your child at home

- Please aim to read every day with your child at home and record in their reading log, a quick comment or an initial will do.
- This term we will be sending home tricky words for the children to learn. Details to follow.
- Please continue to practice all of the phonemes, not just the most recent ones.



2simple Observations

Thank you to all those who have submitted an observation on 2simple. It is so helpful to have these records of the children's achievements at home. Please continue to send us your photographs and comments by replying to the 2simple observation that we sent you last term. Particularly useful would be your child using some form of technology, taking part in a family celebration or showing healthy choices such as exercise or healthy eating.

Dates for your diary

Key Worker afternoon- November 14th
Open Afternoon- November 26th
Nativity- December 10th
Nativity- December 11th
Nativity- December 12th
School Christmas Dinner- December 17th

If you would like to contact any of the Foundation teachers, please see us at the end of the day or e-mail admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk.
Thank you for your continued help and support.
The Foundation Team.