



<u>Welcome Back!</u>

We hope you had a restful break and we are looking forward to hearing what your children have been busy doing!

Term 2- Topics

Our first topic will be 'We Are Family' and the children will have lots of opportunities to talk about their family. We will be spending time thinking about feelings and friendships too as part of this topic. We have some wonderful books to share with the children.

In December our topic will change to 'Christmas' and we will be discussing the many Christmas traditions and how people celebrate. We will also be reading versions of the Nativity Story and discussing Christian beliefs and our school connection with the Church.

We usually take part in a Nativity, this will not be taking place in the way it has done before however we will still make the children's first school Christmas a special time for them.

<u>Reading and Phonics</u>

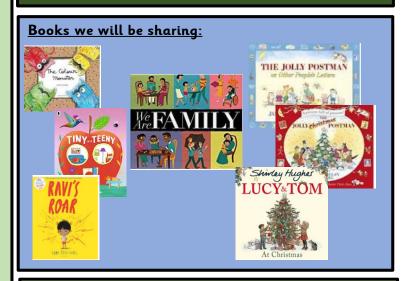
Please aim to read daily with your child and have a quick daily practice of phonics using the materials we have sent home in the yellow folders.

If you are unsure what to do then please get in touch with us and we will happily talk you through it.

It is a good idea to name/initial cards as they come home- as we use the folders in school and all the children have the same cards we have one or two flashcards that 'escaped' and we don't know who they belong to!

We have had lots of positive feedback on our new reading books. We will continue to review our book changing system, we will change both the phonic reading book and the sharing book on a Friday. Please ensure the yellow folder and phonic reading book is in school every day however the sharing book can just be brought on a Friday.

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Thank you for ensuring your child has spare items of underwear in school. Please can you also ensure there is a plastic bag to put any items in that we need to. We usually have a number of spare items that we keep in school, however we have totally run out of spare pants and socks so if your child does need to borrow items on occasion, please could you wash and return them to us. If you are having a sort out and you have surplus pants and socks- we would be grateful for any donations!

As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child is dressed in suitable clothing. <u>Please clearly</u> <u>label</u> all coats, hats and gloves. We aim to go outside every day! Please help to support us by showing your child how to fasten their own coat and put on gloves- it does take a while but if they can learn at home it is much quicker to get ready in school.

PE will continue on a Friday and the children will still come to school in their PE kit. We will go outside if the weather permits and if not then we will take part in indoor PE. As the grass will be wet and probably muddy a spare pair of socks and shoes or a pair of slippers to put on inside on a Friday, would be helpful.

<u>Dates for your diary</u>

Monday 2nd November- Term 2 begins Friday 27th November- Flu Immunisations Tuesday 15th December- Christmas Lunch Friday 18th December- End of Term 2. We return on Tuesday 5th January 2021

If you would like to contact any of the Foundation teachers, please call or e-mail **admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk**. Thank you for your continued support.

The Foundation Team.