

PETER PAN NEWS



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Dear Parents

This half term has gone so quickly! We only have one more week at school until half term.

We have packed a lot into a short time again. Celebrating Chinese New Year, walks in the community to see and learn about where we live and the Big Bird Watch to name but a few. After half term we will be celebrating Pancake day and preparing for our Spring concert.

It has been a pleasure to welcome all our new children and families to Peter Pan and lovely to see some old families returning to us.

Our new members of staff have settled in well and quickly become part of the federation family.

We say goodbye for a little while to Subreena who is going on maternity leave. We wish her lots of luck.

I'm so pleased to tell you that Zoe had her twin baby girls and Noreen also had a lovely little girl. Congratulations to them all.

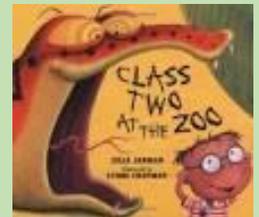
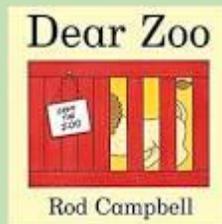
I hope you all have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you when we return on Monday 24th February.

Isabel Davis
Executive Head Teacher

Our learning.

We are now focusing on being kind and caring. We will talk about helping each other and looking after the world around us. To support this learning we will be reading animal stories including, 'Class Two at the Zoo', 'Dear Zoo' 'A Squash and a Squeeze'.

We will learn all about homes; our own pets and where animals live and their natural habitats.



Coronavirus – advice from Department for Education

The DfE have issued some guidance to childcare settings and parents regarding coronavirus. The threat to the UK is considerate moderate and the following advice has been given to help prevent further spread: Always use basic hygiene practices; washing hands regularly; always sneeze into a tissue and dispose of it. This will help stem the spread. For further information please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus

School Term Dates 2019 - 2020

Spring Term 2020

9th January 2020 to
3rd April 2020

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Half Term

17th – 21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020

23rd April 2020 to
17th July 2020

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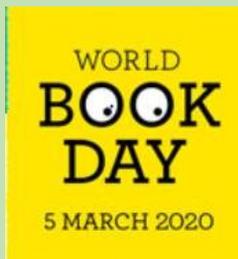
Half Term

25th -29th May 2020

A full Academic Calendar is available from the school website

World Book Day 5th March 2020

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year with a “Big Story Snuggle”. Children can come to school in their pyjamas, bring their favorite story book or choose one from the school library and snuggle down in one of our cosy areas to share the book with their friends or an adult. You are invited to come in and share a book with your child. More details will be published nearer the time.



Library Books

Please take advantage of our school library. All children can borrow a book to share with you at home. It is a wonderful activity for you to do with your child and encourages a love of books and reading for the future.

Gates

Please ensure that you close all gates behind you when you arrive and leave the school site. Please do not assume that someone else will do it. This is for the safety and security of all the children.

Cooking

Can you spare some time to come in and help the children with some simple cooking activities? We are looking for someone who can support making pancakes! Please speak to your child's keyworker if you are able to help.

'At home I....'

Please take a slip from the entrance hall home with you and let us know what your child likes to do at home.

We can then include this in their learning journey.

Big Bird Watch

We took part in the big bird watch and spent time in the garden looking for all different species of birds. We also made bird feeders and hung them in the garden to encourage the birds to come and visit us, and to make sure they have something to eat through the winter.



We have been celebrating Chinese New Year this term. We made our own dragon and danced with it and also cooked Chinese stir fry and tasted all the vegetables that were in it. We made Chinese lanterns and fans and decorated them.



Modelling Table

We are always grateful for donations for our modelling table. We need things like kitchen roll tubes, milk bottle tops and small cardboard boxes.

The children love to make models and take them home so supplies can run out quickly!!

Naming Clothes

Please name your children's clothing for school.

We appreciate that not everything can be named, but coats, gloves, scarves and hats are the items that consistently go missing and it is easier to reunite it with the correct owner if it is named.

Child's Voice

It is important for us to understand what your child enjoys at school and to help us with this we are introducing 'voting tins'.

Like the supermarket asks you to use a token to choose a charity, we are asking the children to use a token to vote for their favourite activity of the day.

The tins will be available at the end of the session and we would ask that you support your child to make their vote.

