



Newstead Academy 2023-2024 Weekly Newsletter

Spring 1 Week 1 12th January 2024

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that you had a lovely break and made some lovely memories with your families. We have started our exciting new topic 'Winter' in school this week and the children have enjoyed exploring ice and making snowmen with dough! I'm looking forward to seeing how the children continue to develop and progress in 2024!

Adverse Weather

We will be sending further information about how we will provide any resources or activities for the children in the event that we may need to provide home learning owing to adverse weather (or other reasons). We have set up a Teams platform and information will be sent home about how you will be able to access this with your child early next week.

Snack

Could we please remind parents that for snack we ask that if parents are choosing to send snack from home that it mirrors what we provide in school – crackers, breadsticks or plain digestive/rich tea biscuits. Alternatively, if people would like to send a voluntary contribution of £2 a week towards the provision of snack this would be greatly appreciated. Thankyou.



Safeguarding Signposting – www.hubofhope.co.uk – This is a fantastic resource that links to all support services, networks and advice available in our local areas. It is a great starting point if you are looking for support with something specific.



What have our Busy Bee's been learning this week?

What have the children been learning this week as part of our new topic 'Winter'?

Hive 1

This week, the children have settled back into school wonderfully. We have been exploring number 1 in maths and ways to represent it. There has been some fine threading and the new sensory toys have been popular. Our topic this half term is Winter and we have all enjoyed learning some new winter themed songs and dances.

Hive 2

Hive 2 have settled back brilliantly after Christmas. We are very proud of them. This week we have started our new learning theme which is "Winter Wonderland". The children's favourite activity this week was rescuing the animals which were trapped in the ice!! They worked together to form a plan and used some lovely scientific vocabulary as they rescued the animals!

Hive 3

This week in hive 3 we have practiced writing words that interest us, in maths we have been looking at place value and number. For our topic work we have been learning all about winter, looking at the similarities and differences of winter and summer looking at pictures, we also took some photos of the wintery scenes at Newstead such as trees with no leaves and mud patches.

Sign of the Week

This week our sign has been 'Cold'



Diary Dates

February Half Term – Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024

Easter Holidays – Monday 25th March 2024 to Friday 5th April 2024

Early May bank holiday – Monday 6th May 2024

May Spring Bank Half Term – Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

Finish for the Summer holidays – Friday 19th July 2024

INSET day - Monday 22nd July



"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."



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