

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a restful break over the holidays and are looking forward to the year ahead. We certainly are feeling very happy about the progress the children are making and we are excited about them now spending some time in their year group classes.

Reintegration

As you are all aware, this half term, we will be beginning to reintegrate the children back into their year group classes. This will be done gradually as we will be carefully managing the time spent in classes and the time spent in The Hive. Before Christmas, your children spent time visiting their new classrooms and having conversations with their new teachers. We are incredibly excited to see the transition for the children as they begin to spend more time in their classroom bases. If you have any questions or concerns about your child reintegrating, then please do not hesitate to either message me on ClassDojo or speak to me on the door.

Our topic

Our topic, next half term is growth and growing up. We will talk lots to your children about their future in school and their future aspirations going forward in life. We will be doing a history topic looking at their life so far. From baby, to toddler, to child in school. In geography, we will also be looking at our local area. We will be looking at lots of maps of Leeds and Little London and encouraging the children to talk about what they can see. Your child will also continue to receive daily speech and language interventions, movement play twice a week and an ongoing programme of sensory circuits.

Maths

This half term, the children will be learning all about 2-D and 3-D shapes. This will include the names of the shapes and key shaped facts such as: number of sides, number of corners and number of faces. We will also be continuing to practice and revisit last half terms learning on addition and subtraction. To help your children, please could you encourage your children to explore different shapes. This could be looking for shapes while you are in the shops or finding shapes around your house.

Reading

Your child's book will be changed every **Friday**. Please make sure your child brings in their reading book and reading record to school **every day**, as the children will be read with during school time.

Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign the reading record.



Important dates

Start of term: Monday 8th January 2024

Astronaut day (If your child is in Year 1): Wednesday 7th February 2024

Last Day of term: Friday 9th February 2024

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch by speaking directly to us on the door at the end of the school day or on Class Dojo.

Many thanks,
The Hive Team