

## Guided Reading

Just a little bit of information to explain what 'Guided Reading' is all about...

Every class in school has a daily 'Guided Reading' session. Within this session children work in small groups reading and/or completing activities based on books they have read.

The class teacher and teaching assistant work with a group daily. This session involves reading/ studying/ discussing/ enjoying and understanding the book they are looking at. Decoding (reading) and comprehension skills (understanding) are taught through this session. Children are assessed and monitored closely to ensure they are working at their appropriate ability level.

## Homework

Thank you to everyone that handed their 'Home challenge' books in before the Christmas holidays.

If you have not already done so please ensure they are handed in before the end of this first week. This will enable teachers to look at the children's work and prepare the books for the next set of challenges.

Due to be in the first week back after February half term.  
Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Snacks

If you choose to send snacks from home please ensure that they are of a healthy nature.

Such as fruit/ veg/ cheese.  
Not crisps/ cakes/ chocolate/ biscuits etc.

**Please** check they do not contain NUTS.

Children can bring a drink bottle in containing water.

Snacks are provided by school on a daily basis. Children under the age of 5 have milk once a day (if you wish this continue after their 5th birthday please speak to the office)

**For safety reasons**, please ensure that you stand within view of your child and their teacher at the end of the day.

If someone else is picking up your child please make sure your child and their teacher are aware of this. We will not give your child to an unknown person and will need to contact you if we have not been informed. We realise this may be frustrating to the person picking up but it is important your child is safe and have permission to go with them.

Thanks for your cooperation.

## Important dates

Friday 22nd February- school closes  
Monday 4th March- school opens  
Friday 8th March- training day  
Friday 12th April- school closes  
Parents evening- late March dates to be confirmed