

UNITED SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to the Spring Term at Ipplepen in Year F.

This term we have April (Mrs Meaden) joining us as our Learning Support Assistant and we are so excited to have her with us. We also have Miss Beacham joining us and she is looking forward to her experience with us to help her train to be a teacher. On Wednesday afternoons we will have Mrs Kerr with us to do Forest School out in our environmental area with the children.

Morning Routine

The children have been getting used to our morning routines again in school and it has been wonderful to see them all coming in independently and putting their belongings away. Could you please ensure that you walk with your child to the gate and remind them that they should walk to our gate and not run through the playground.

Belongings

Thank you to everyone who has already labelled belongings clearly. Could we please ask that you check labels in your child's clothing and on their water bottles? Lots of our labels have started to fade and it is a challenge to spot our belongings in such a busy classroom! Chestnuts, make sure you know what belongings are yours. Your child must bring a coat to school each day, please support your child to try and put their coat on themselves.

Can I please remind you that your child must come to school wearing the correct school uniform.

With our ever-changing weather, we don't want to be cooped up in our classroom all day long. If you could please bring in wellies or old shoes for your child to keep in school, we can go outside rain or shine. You may wish to provide spare clothing to keep on your child's peg just in case they get wet or muddy.

We will not be doing Show and Tell this term. Please discourage your child from bringing toys into school. Children get very upset if they are lost or broken. We will continue to share what we have been up to and share our 'tells' with our friends.

Snack and drinks

Free fruit is available each day but there is usually not much of a choice. If your child would prefer to bring in their own snack they are welcome to. Snack must be **fruit or vegetables**. Please do not bring sweet/sugary snacks in. A water bottle clearly labelled is essential each day, filled with **water only**. We encourage children to drink lots throughout the day and offer refills.

PE

Our PE days are Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit. Our hall is being used as a 'bubble' for breakfast and afterschool club so most of our PE lessons are outside. Please include tracksuit bottoms and the normal school sweatshirt on top of the PE kit T-Shirt and shorts.

Forest School

Forest school will be taking place on a Wednesday afternoon. I would recommend wearing clothing suitable for the outdoors (long trousers and long sleeves).

Reading

This term we will return to recording in our reading logs. Could you please try to locate these and ensure your child comes to school with it inside their book bag every day? We will alternate between physical books and Bug Club reading books over the course of the term. If your child comes home with a book they have read before it is to build their confidence and comprehension skills. We cannot move reading levels until children are ready. Books will be changed once a week. Please try to read your child's reading book with them at least 3 times a week, focussing on 1-2 pages at a time. Talk to your child about each page, and look at the inside covers for talking points for each book. Remember to record this inside your child's reading log.

Homework

Homework will once again be set on a Friday to be handed back in on a Tuesday. Homework will be placed into your child's plastic folder inside their book bags.

Curriculum

This term our key text is *The Gingerbread Man* and we have some exciting learning experiences planned related to our text. Please see the uploaded Spring Term Overview to see what we will be up to this term.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Here's to an exciting Spring Term!

Miss Coughlin

Foundation Teacher