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Dear Parents,

Welcome the start of the Spring 2 Term. Remember if you have any queries, you can request a chat at the end of the day. If you need to speak to speak to Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Gill or Mrs Hulbert, please let us know when you get to the front of the line and we will ask you to wait with your child, until all the children have been reunited with their parents. You can also email us with queries at the addressees below. Our topic this half term is **What is the weather like and how do things grow?** 'Please find a planning overview for this half term attached detailing the curriculum areas we will be covering. It also includes some general information.

In addition to this information, please ensure your child has a **coat in school every day** as the weather can still be cold even on a sunny day. We also ask that Nursery children bring one portion of fruit each day as they are not covered by the school fruit scheme.

Reception children will have their next parent consultations this half term and we are also offering 'Come and play' sessions this up to Easter on Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 9:45-11am for all parents who would like to come in and see what their child does. Please email me if you would like to come in for one of these sessions.

We will continue to assess where children are currently this term using our ongoing informal observations of them as we interact with them daily. In addition, we will continue to use the **Northumberland School Readiness Checker** at regular intervals (approximately every 6 months) to take a 'snapshot' of each child's development to make sure they are on track to be ready for Reception or Y1 when the time comes. **If there are any areas of their development where we need to offer more support, we will of course be talking to you about this as our aim is to work in partnership with you to help them catch up.**

#### **Phonics Homework:**

Reception children can continue to have a book or game to take home to reinforce their phonics knowledge in a fun way. They all now also have their own Nessy Login set up to practice phonics on a phone or tablet if they want to. This has been set up at the earliest level for your child, but your child can progress as quickly or steadily as they wish to with this. To login on at home go to <https://learn.nessy.com/account/login#/monkeyLogin>. The password is **Jellytoast** and then you just have to type in your child's first name (you may need to add the initial letter of their surname if there are other children in school with the same first name) to gain access. Go to the section entitled Nessy Reading and Spelling to find their games. Please ask if you need any help with this.



Please don't hesitate to request a chat with one of us after school, if you have any queries, however small about this or any other matters about your child. We are always happy to make a time to talk with you.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Melanie Wilkinson**, EYFS Teacher (All day Monday and Wednesday plus Tuesday and Thursday Mornings)

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