

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter

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Welcome

We would like to welcome everyone back to school after the Christmas holidays. We hope you all enjoyed the break. Last term was a busy one! It doesn't seem so long ago that the children were new to Reception, yet they have all achieved so much, not least the amazing Christmas Nativity performance which they all took part in! This term promises to be a busy one too. We are always here at the end of a school day to answer any questions or discuss any concerns you may have, so please don't hesitate to pop in if there is something you wish to discuss.



Topic

Our learning this term will be based around the season of Winter and is entitled 'Snow and Ice and All Things Nice'

- We will learn about Winter and about cold places around the world
- We will share books with a winter setting, such as *The Snow Queen* by Hans Christian Anderson, which was the inspiration for the film 'Frozen'
- We will use non-fiction books and video documentaries to find out about how people and animals survive in cold places.
- We will investigate changes to water and ice and will hopefully see some snow and ice ourselves!
- The photos on our website will let you know what we've been up to, so keep an eye out!

Phonics

The children have made an excellent start to their phonics. We do daily practise of recognising, saying and writing our sounds. Please continue to support us at home by practising your reading every day. Ask lots of questions about the

stories, cards and words. If you would like further help or advice about helping with reading, please let us know.

Numeracy

This term we are starting to learn all about numbers beyond 10. This includes saying our numbers up to and back from 20, writing and ordering them, finding missing numbers and beginning to add and subtract numbers. We will also be looking at different shapes and talking about the weight of objects.



General News

As you know the weather is set to be very cold throughout the coming months. This does not stop us from enjoying our outdoor learning area, so please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat. If you send your child with a hat, scarf or gloves, it would be wise to either label them with your child's name or sew them into their coat. Also please do not tell your child to keep them in their school bag as bags are collected in each morning and the children do not have access to them throughout the day.

Please note:

- Please label all items of clothing
- Please arrive to school before 8.55am
- School uniform including dark socks and school shoes (not trainers) must be worn each day
- Only stud earrings may be worn during the school day

If you have any questions, problems or even compliments, we will always enjoy hearing from you!

Many thanks,

Reception Team