

# RECEPTION class

## Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and a very Happy New Year to you all! I trust you all had a good holiday.

### COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

This week we begin daily show and tell which is a great opportunity for children to develop their speaking and listening skills as well as build their confidence. Everyone should have received a timetable for this, please speak with me if you have not.

### LITERACY

We are starting off the year by writing our New Years resolutions and thinking about what we hope to achieve or improve on during our time in Reception class. On the winter theme, children will be writing acrostic poems, researching and writing their own fact files about arctic and antarctic animals and reading a range of winter themed story books.

As we move onto traditional tales, we will be using drama to explore the stories and characters as well as coming up with our own alternative versions and endings to these much loved tales.

### PHONICS

This term we will be continuing with the Letters and Sounds Phonics programme. The class are making great progress though their daily phonics groups and most of the class are now working within phase 3 of the scheme. Children are beginning to learn digraphs and trigraphs, where two or three letters are making a sound together. For example, 'ch' in 'church' and 'igh' in 'light'.

### RE

We follow the 'Come and See' scheme of work in RE. This term we will be covering the topics Local Church, Eucharist and Lent/Easter.



## Spring Term

For the first half of the term our topic will be 'winter'. We approach our topics in a very cross-curricular way and children will be exploring and learning about winter across all the 7 areas of learning. We will be experimenting with ice and finding out what does and doesn't freeze, how humans and animals keep warm in the winter, as well as learning about the habitats and habits of animals in different climates. The class will be getting creative as they design their own winter scarves, make winter collages and cut-out their own snowflakes. The children will also have the chance to come up with their own dance and movement to the beautiful soundtrack of 'The Snowman' animation.

After the half-term holiday, we will be moving onto the topic of 'Traditional Tales' where children will be reading, writing and taking part in some fun projects based around some much loved traditional stories such as "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "The Three Little Pigs".

### NUMERACY

In Numeracy we will be counting on and back using numbers up to 20 and recognising and ordering numerals. Children will build on their knowledge and understanding of addition and subtraction and will begin reading simple addition and subtraction problems and recording their own calculations. We will be learning our number bonds to 5 and then to 10 which is a great tool for solving mental maths problems. We will be exploring and comparing weight and will begin to look at time; measuring short periods of time and ordering and sequencing familiar events.

### PE

PE is on a Monday and Wednesday. We keep PE kits at school for the half-term and send them home during holidays. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit and that it is clearly labelled with their name.

In the colder weather, children can bring navy blue tracksuit trousers to wear for PE if they wish.

### Book Bags

Please send book bags into school everyday,

Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Wednesday and children will be given a library book on Friday. Please make time to read with your child and sign their yellow reading record books.

### Questions?

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask myself or any other member of staff working in class. Appointments can be made with myself before or after school via the office.

Parent consultations will be held during the week commencing Monday 16th January. Please ensure you make an appointment during this week to come in and discuss your child's progress.