



Reception Newsletter

Thursday 10th January 2019

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. Thank you for all the lovely cards, gifts and best wishes. The children have all been very excited to see their friends and eager to come back to school and settle back into a routine. This half term we are starting our learning journey with the theme of 'Traditional tales and Fairy tale favourites', which will be based on the interests of the children. Please continue to send in your child's interests on the sheet sent out before the Christmas holidays. We will be continuing to talk about and discuss the seasons, looking at the changes we have experienced so far in Reception.

Some of our key learning will be:

- Learning the repeated structure of traditional stories and creating our own story maps adding labels and sentences
- Identifying our strengths and what we are good at
- Learning new sounds such as; ay, ee, igh, ow, oo, ar, or, ir, air,
- Writing simple sentences using phonic knowledge and use of key words e.g "Look at the cat."
- Addition and subtraction calculations to 10 and then beyond. Understanding more/less/fewer
- Doubling numbers and finding the total.
- Practising writing their name including surname and middle name if they have one
- Reinforcing the correct formation, orientation of numbers and recognising numbers to 20 and beyond confidently

Key words

Please continue to help your child in learning their key words. The children are excited and motivated to achieve their next 'Sea creature' or 'Animal' reading certificate so please help by providing regular opportunities to support your child to learn their current set of key words. Words will be checked on Thursdays.

This half term we will send homework linked to learning in class. This may involve a practical task or a sheet which will be placed in your child's homework book. Please also continue to encourage your child to draw and write about their favourite parts from their high interest reading books. Homework will be sent out on **Wednesday** and must be returned the following **Monday**.

Please could I remind you that we ask for voluntary contribution of £6 for our baking fund.

And Finally... A date for the diary **Foundation Stage Coffee Morning Wednesday 30th January 2019 9.15 am**

As always, if you require any more information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Shepherd and Miss Bradbury