

# Reception Newsletter!

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Week 1

**We would like to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year!**

We have had a wonderful start to our Spring term in Reception and it has been so lovely to welcome the children back into school.

This week we have started our new 'Winter Wonderland' topic. We have enjoyed sharing what we already know about winter, linking this to our knowledge of autumn. We thought carefully about some of the things we would like to learn about and do this term. We decided we would like to find out about penguins, explore painting on ice, we want to find out why snowmen melt, make snowflakes and snow and we want to help look after the birds in our garden!

We also decided we wanted to make some special winter playdough and had lots of fun making some white sparkly playdough! We loved making paper snowflakes for our new winter display. **Ask us all about it!**

In P.E we started our first Tag Rugby session with Mr Thompson. We had lots of fun learning how to hold the rugby ball whilst playing 'stuck in the mud.' **Ask us to show you at home!**

On Thursday we had our first session with Eve from LP Dance in Education. We had a brilliant time travelling to Africa and meeting lots of animals on our journey. **Ask us to show you some of our dancing!** Eve will deliver a dance session every Thursday afternoon for the rest of this half term. I would just like to take this opportunity to say a belated Merry Christmas and to thank you all for your very generous Christmas gifts and cards. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a lovely start to the New Year. Thank you for your continued support.

## Topic Web and Key words

This week we have sent home our topic web and a list of our key words for Spring term with your child.

The topic web provides an overview of some of the key skills we will be focusing on over the coming weeks and as always we will follow the children's interests and follow their lead when planning.

## Learning at home.

We absolutely love hearing about your child's learning and experiences outside of school. All the information you send in is included in your child's learning journey and is used as evidence towards their Early Learning Goals at the end of the year. We have also sent home our 'Learning at Home' template. We would love to hear about how your child uses technology at home. Is your child able to navigate programs on a tablet? Can they use the television remote to turn on CBeebies? How do they use technology in their play?

## Wow Wednesday Dates

Wow Wednesdays provide an opportunity to look through your child's Learning Journey. **They are held between 8.30-8.50am on the following dates:**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

## Phonics/Reading at home

This week we have started Phase 3. We have learnt the letter sounds **j v w**. We have practised writing the letters, focusing on correct formation, and writing words containing our new sounds. This week we have been completing some Phonics challenges 1-1 with the children. This has replaced our 1-1 reading sessions for this week only. The children have still received new reading books and challenges which have been sent home tonight.

# Our week in pictures...



We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

Yours Faithfully,

Ms Shepherd and the Reception Team.