



Dear Parents and Children,

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas break. Many thanks for all of the cards and gifts that you sent in the last week of term.

Your kindness is very much appreciated!

The last few weeks at school were great fun.

Some of the highlights were: The Winter Craft Morning.



Thank you for those of you who were able to come along and join in with all the fun.



Chris Bostock the Storyteller, who came in to tell the Story of the Snow Bear.



And of course our performance of Shine Star Shine.

I'm sure you will all agree that the children were fantastic and I'm sure that it was indeed the best show you saw this Christmas!

Reading

The children continue to make super progress with their reading. Thank you so much for your support in listening to them read regularly and helping them to learn the words on their word walls. Listening to the children read regularly for just a few minutes a day makes a real difference to their skills and confidence.

Book change days continue to be on a Tuesday and a Friday. Please make sure your child has their book in School every day, so that we are able to listen to readers. Once the children have completed all 6 Word Walls we are returning to Word Wall 1 to work on the spelling of these tricky words. This is important to support the children with their writing and will give the children even more confidence as they are able to spell the words that they need.

Library

We are hoping to get going with library books this term. We have a group of Mums who will be coming in to change them each week. We will let you know when a day has been set.

Our topics this half term are Space and Superheroes. Both are exciting topics and we feel sure that they will be a hit with the children. Our classroom role-play areas will become 'The Broadway Space Stations' followed by Superhero Headquarters. Any contributions of relevant old toys such as: telescopes, telephones, headphones, cameras, maps, flags etc would be much appreciated and would help us to update our resources. Donations of kitchen roll tubes, small boxes, tin cans (with the edges taken off) old CDs and tin foil would also be greatly appreciated as we are planning to make our own rockets. The children enjoy bringing in their own topic books from home and we would like to encourage them to bring in either story books or information books about 'Space'.

We are also excited about PE this term. We will be starting Yoga on a Friday morning and having alternate Tuesday afternoon Multi-Skills sessions with The PE and Sports Service.

We are usually available before and after school to speak to parents so please do not hesitate to pop in and see us if you have any queries or concerns. Alternatively, you could write a note or leave a message with the school office and we will get back to you ASAP. We look forward to the coming weeks of the New Year and with your continued support, we know the children will continue to succeed and enjoy learning at Broadway East.

Many Thanks

The Early Years Team

