



# Reception Class Newsletter

*A happy New Year to you all! Welcome back to the start of a new year and a new term! After a very busy autumn term, this term promises to be more settled, giving rise to many learning opportunities for the children. The children had a fantastic first two terms at school and they are now very comfortable with the school's routines.*

## **Thank-you!**

On behalf of us all, thank-you so much for all your lovely Christmas gifts, gift voucher and cards. Thank-you for your generosity and words of appreciation!  
It seems a long time ago now, but I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break too.

## **One-to-one reading volunteers**

We would love to have some parents or grandparents to come and hear children read on a regular basis. If you are interested in doing this please pop into the office and they will give you the relevant forms to fill in.

## **Phonics**

Last term we assessed every child individually and sent home reading books that match where your child is in their current phonic knowledge. We are delighted with the progress the children have made since the start of Reception.

We are continuing to use the Jolly Phonics scheme to teach phonics in class and the home reading books also follow the scheme.

## **Mystery Reader**

We would love to have some more visits from parents or grandparents to read a book to the class this term. If you would like to come and read a story to the class please see Mrs Munday.

## **Literacy**

Our topic this term is 'Winter Wonderland', where we will focus our talk for writing strategies as well as fiction and non-fiction texts all with a winter theme.

In addition to learning about story structure, story vocabulary and characters, we will be developing our writing skills with labelling and captions. Later in the term, this will progress to sentence writing. We shall use the story of 'How to Catch A Star'.

## **Mathematics**

In maths this term children will explore how numbers are made up of parts and wholes. Exploring ways to represent numbers using the Hungarian number pattern (die pattern). The children will secure their understanding of the pairs of numbers that make 5, and then use double dice frames to begin to explore 6 and 7 as numbers that are composed of '5 and a bit'.

## **Forest School**

In Forest School children will be exploring the outside area using their senses of touch and sight. We shall be exploring textures of natural objects found outside and using our observational skills to talk about what we can see. We shall be focusing on the season of Winter and the changing seasons.

## **School trips**

Mendip Activity Centre : - Tobogganing – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

We will need some parent helpers for this trip – please see Mrs Munday if you are able to help.

## **Christian Values:**

This half-term's focus is 'respect'; learning to respect others, yourself and the world. This is also linked to our British Values of treating others how you would like to be treated.

### **Parents Evening**

Finally, we will meet at Parents' Evening this term. The office will be sending out links to book your appointments shortly.

### **The Reception Class team**

Mrs Kathryn Munday (Class Teacher)

Ms. Ange Rossi (Teaching Assistant)

Miss Sarah Green (HLTA/Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Tina Chapman (Teaching Assistant)