

Happy New Year to all the Children and their Families.

What we are learning this half term.

This half term's topic will be 'Our Wonderful World' and during the first few days the children will find some icy surprises!

We will be investigating and exploring ice, and looking at cold places around the world and the animals that live there. The children will have opportunities to read some lovely wintery books and stories in our book nook. We will also be focusing on the children's handwriting this half term by practising and improving their letter formation. We will be writing labels, lists and simple sentences through shared, guided and child initiated writing.

We will be using a variety of objects to create wintery patterns, counting objects and matching amounts to numerals and finding different ways of making numbers.

We are going to be busy, busy, busy!

How you can help at home.

Please read with your child at least 3 times a week. Talk about the stories you read together and their home/school reading books.

Provide pens and paper for your child to practise their handwriting. They really do love to practise writing letters and words.

Talk about numbers and counting objects around the home. Ask your child to pass you 3 cups or 4 spoons. When out and about look for numbers on doors, buses and car number plates. Play 'I spy the number' etc. A good website to use is:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

Ask your child to talk about the changes in the weather and season. Observe the changes around them, for example, when it is frosty in a morning or if it freezes over night.

Reminders

- Please remember to check the school website, See Saw and Facebook for any updates and home learning activities.
- Please make sure **all** items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Please make sure your child has a warm coat with a hood or a hat to wear as we will still be using our outdoor area for learning when it is cold.
- Please complete the 'You're a Star' slip below if your child does anything amazing or new at home. We will share it with the rest of the class!
- Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday. Please make sure your child brings them back into school on these days.
- Please check our class page on the school website for updates of our learning in class.
- Please check Seesaw each week and help your child to complete their BLT task each week.



You're a Star!



Name

Achievement

Signature