

Don't Forget

- Cooking/sensory activity money of 50p per week, and any donations of tissues greatly appreciated.
- Book bags must be brought to school every day.
- School starts 8.55am and ends at 3.15pm.
- School uniform is compulsory and no jewellery.
- Spare clothes in a named bag to keep in school.
- If your child is unwell please phone school (02083602149) in the morning and then write a letter when your child returns to school.

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to everyone, we hope you had a good holiday and we would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will be working on developing children's confidence and independence in all areas, including negotiating to sort out conflicts and talking to others about their feelings. We will also be looking at issues as they arise within our classes, such as friendships and how we are all the same, yet different.

Communication and Language:

Children will be encouraged to develop their listening skills in a range of situations, and to respond appropriately. We will also be working on maintaining attention, concentration and focus.

Reception Curriculum News.

Topic: Rulers and Governments.

Expressive Arts and Design:

We encourage children to use a range of media and resources to represent their own ideas and feelings, including painting, collage, model-making, role play, singing and dancing. **Any parents/carers with musical talent who have time to come in and entertain us would be very welcome.**

Physical Development:

We will aim to do PE regularly in the hall, and will be learning about the effects exercise has on our bodies. We will also be continuing to work on strengthening hand muscles to develop fine motor skills and effective pencil control.

Mathematics:

Emphasis this term will be on numbers to 10, 20, and beyond; 2D and 3D shapes, patterns and simple addition. We will also begin to learn about differences in height and length.

Literacy:

Phonics will continue to be taught daily, but will now be taught in ability groups. Homework will be differentiated to reflect the teaching and learning within the phonic sets. Children will be encouraged to use their increasing phonic knowledge to develop independent writing. **Please do continue to take the time to share a range of books with your child on a regular basis, to instill a love of reading.**

Understanding the World:

Each class may develop this curriculum area in different ways, according to the interests of their children. Topics to be discussed will include winter, leading on to Polar animals and weather conditions; families and communities; and looking at similarities and differences.