

## Don't Forget

- Cooking/sensory activity money of £6.00 for this term, and any donations of tissues greatly appreciated.
- Book bags, with reading book and reading record must be brought to school every day.
- Library books to be returned on allocated day- RT Thursday, RJ Tuesday and RF Tuesday.
- School starts 8.55am and ends at 3.15pm.
- School uniform is compulsory, including appropriate footwear, 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

## 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, responding appropriately and asking questions. We will also be working on maintaining attention, concentration and focus.

## Reception Curriculum News.

## 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.**

Whole school topic: Tomorrow's World.

Whole school value: Patience.

## Physical Development:

We will do PE on a Tuesday in the hall, and will be learning about the effects exercise has on our bodies. **No P.E kits needed. Please NO TIGHTS worn on this day!** We will also be continuing to work on strengthening hand muscles to develop fine motor skills and effective pencil control.

## Understanding the World:

Each class may develop this curriculum area in different ways, according to the interests of their children. Topics will include Winter; Africa; Space; food; families and communities; and looking at similarities and differences. We will also be looking at the whole school topic by becoming time travellers and space explorers. Our role-play area and book corners will reflect this learning.

## 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 shortly be taught in groups across the three classes. 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 instil a love of reading.**