

## **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.

### **Don't Forget**

- Cooking/sensory activity money of 50p per week, which is **£6.00** for the term.
- We would appreciate a box of tissues from each child for this term.
- No nuts in any food to be brought into school (including peanut butter and Nutella).
- School uniform is compulsory and no jewellery except small stud earrings.
- 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.
- Book bags to be brought into school **every day** including their reading books and records.
- Library books to be returned on allocated day- RH Friday, RJ Tuesday and RF Tuesday.
- PE day is a Tuesday for all classes - Please ensure your child is able to remove socks/tights and shoes independently.
- Please label your child's school jumper with their name.
- If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday in school, please note that cakes are not permitted, but your child can give out small bags of **chocolate buttons**.
- **Children are not allowed to use the play equipment at drop off and collection.**

### **Literacy:**

Phonics will continue to be taught daily, but will now 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. Your child now has access to e-books on Bug Club and follow up activities they can do at home.**



**'Together we can achieve more'**

## **Reception Curriculum Letter**

**Whole school topic: Active Planet**

**Whole school values: Respect, kindness, co-operation.**

### **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 PE kits required at present.** We will also be continuing to work on strengthening hand muscles to develop fine motor skills and effective pencil control.

### **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.

### **Mathematics:**

We will be working on:

- counting up to 20 and beyond
- recognising numbers to 20 and beyond
- one more and one less
- creating and describing patterns
- height and length

### **Expressive Arts and Design:**

**Any parents/carers with musical talent who have time to come in and entertain us would be very welcome.**

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.

### **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. As part of our whole school values, we will be developing respect, teamwork and cooperation.

### **Understanding the World:**

Each class may develop this curriculum area in different ways, according to the interests of their children. Topics will include Winter, Spring/Easter; Space; other countries; 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 book corners will reflect this learning.