

# Reception Newsletter

January 2018

## Happy New Year

### Spring 1 Topic

We have started this half term finding out about British Wildlife through the stories of Percy the Park Keeper. We have been practising writing lots of animal names and learnt different facts about hedgehogs and foxes. We have been considering the environment that British animals live in and how we can look after them.

Why not help your child find out a bit more about another British animal? A group of foxes is called a leash; what are groups of mice, badgers and owls called? Find out and tell your teacher!

We will be moving on to the topic of Under the Sea, where we will become marine biologists solving problems like: rescuing a stranded dolphin, finding a lost fish and saving the environment. We will be finding out facts about sea creatures and pretending to be deep sea divers. What will we find under the sea?

### **Reminders**

Please remember to send your child into school with a water bottle, so that it can be accessed every day.

Please make sure that it only contains water too, thank you.

### **How can I support my child at home?**

Well done to the children who consistently read 3 times a week last term. Reading with your children at home will really help them move forwards with their phonics - help your child segment (sound the word out) and blend (push the sounds together to make the word) using their school reading books.

We have enjoyed looking at our school on Google earth - help your child learn the first line of their address so we can find our own houses!

### **E-safety**

Lots of children have had tablets and other online toys for Christmas - remember to check the parental controls on any devices your child may be using at home to keep them safe. Take a look at the attached 'Keeping under 5s safe online' poster (also displayed on our classroom doors) to find out how you can support your child.

### **Read Together**

Every Friday at 2.35pm to 2.55pm we invite you to come into school and read with your child. Siblings are welcome! A big thank you to the parents who already come along, the children really enjoy sharing the school books with you!

### Chinese New Year

We are excited to welcome a visitor on the morning of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. During this visit, the children will learn a Chinese New Year dragon dance!

Following the dragon dance workshop, we invite you to our Chinese New Year parental engagement session on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00-2.45pm. You will be able to watch the brilliant dragon dance your children have learnt and enjoy many different Chinese New Year activities with your children (don't worry, you won't be dancing!)



### **DIARY DATES**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

- 2-2.45pm Parental Engagement

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

- End of the first Spring half term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

- Beginning of the second Spring half term

