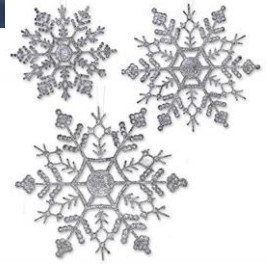


# Reception - Term 2



Dear Parents/Guardians,

A big, warm welcome back to term two! We hope you and your families have had a chance to relax and spend some quality time together over the long half term break. Fox and Badger class have really settled into their routines now and we are super proud of all the children and the learning and achievements they have accomplished already! We enjoyed seeing all of the children dressed up for superhero day and it was nice to see the children so enthusiastic and excited in working towards ticking off their superhero challenges.

## Curriculum Overview for term 2

This term we will be learning all about the changing weather and different seasons. We will first look at autumn and go on a walk to find evidence such as berries, pine cones, conkers and look at the changes of leaves as they change colour and fall. We will learn about different British wildlife and discuss why some animals hibernate during the winter months. Next we will move onto the season of winter and what to expect, how it will feel and what we will wear. We will explore ice and its properties and take a close look at some cold landscapes to inspire our own paintings.

This term is also exciting and filled with many celebrations which we will be learning about including; Diwali, Bonfire night and of course – Christmas! We will discuss how people celebrate and look at the different traditions and stories surrounding these celebrations. Reception will also join nursery and together will put on their very own Christmas performance. Details to follow shortly!

## P.E.

P.E. this term will remain every Friday afternoon so please ensure that your child has their full P.E. kit at school on this day. We will send home the kits at the end of each term for washing – there is no need to take them home each week. All clothing, including shoes and P.E. kit should be named. Earrings cannot be worn for PE so please remember to remove your child's earrings on a Friday.

## Lost Items

Everyday we are asked to find clothing belonging to children in reception –we are happy to do this as we appreciate they are still learning to take care of their possessions, but please, please help by naming all belongings. Also please remember that if you want to come back into class at the end of the school day to find something, you need to wait until the teacher on the door has dismissed everyone first for safety reasons.

### **Changing Weather**

As we move into colder, wetter weather please can you ensure your child has suitable clothing for outdoor learning. In foundation stage we spend equal amounts of time learning both in and out and we firmly believe that there is no such thing as inappropriate weather – just inappropriate clothing! Your child should have a warm, thick coat, hat and gloves and wellie boots (all named of course). Wellie boots can stay at school if you wish to save you taking them to and from school every day. Just put the named wellies on the shelves in the outdoor area.

### **Reading**

This term we will be sending home library books on a Friday. These will be longer, more interesting texts for you to share with your child, perhaps as a bedtime read. Children should be starting to read the little books that they take home on a daily basis, this means reading some of the CVC words or some of the key words in the text. Some children will be bringing home red level Read Write Inc books, these are books that they can read to you because they will have studied them in class. These books will be changed on a Friday. The library books and the Read Write Inc books should remain in book bags and an adult will change them with your child. Please can you continue to choose books everyday from the pink boxes as usual.

### **50p contribution**

A big thank you to the parents who have been paying the 50p contribution. As the food and ingredients are for everyone then we urge you all to contribute. Some parents have paid in advance for the whole year – a total cost of £19 or £3.50 for this term.

### **Donations**

We are always grateful to receive other kinds of donations to supplement the provision. In the past we have had buttons, zips, card, drainpipes, wooden palettes, laminate flooring and cable reels as well as toys. We are in need of more buttons, hats, scarves, adult shoes, crockery, knives and forks, ornaments, old mobile phones, old spectacles, decking, screws, nails, fabric, curtain rings, mirrors, keys, nuts/bolts, wooden crates/boxes, old strips of laminate flooring, clocks and coins.

Some of these items might seem strange but we promise you we will put them to good use! If you have something you think we could use please talk to the staff.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Miss Lindal (Fox class) and Mrs Üzer (Badger class)