

# Reception Class Spring Newsletter

**Welcome back!** I hope you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for another busy but fun term in Reception!

## Topics

This half term our topic will be 'Terrific Tales'. We will be exploring traditional and modern tales, developing our literacy skills as well as our creativity and imagination. We are also going to be searching for signs of Winter, hopefully getting the chance to explore ice and snow. We have lots of engaging activities planned.

Next half term we have another exciting topic to look forward to... 'Amazing Animals'. We will learn about some of the fascinating animals that live in different places on planet earth. We will learn about how the climate is different in these places.

## PE

Gymnastics sessions with Coach Catherine have now ended. This half term dance will be our PE focus and these sessions will take place on Wednesday afternoons. Please send your child to school dressed in their PE kit on Wednesdays. Thank you.

## Ongoing tasks

It is amazing to see the progress that each and every child has made in just one term at school. I am sure that you will agree. I would like to thank you for all of the hard work that you do at home with your child. It really is paying off. Children are making rapid progress so please continue to work on:

- \* Engaging with the weekly reading challenge and mini maths challenge
- \* Sharing regular stories together as a family (books at home, library books and school books)
- \* Letter formation
- \* Number formation
- \* Developing independence in feeding and dressing selves

## Developing understanding of our topic and key vocabulary

To support your child's learning in our topic work we send home a knowledge organiser. This outlines the key learning that will take place, along with some key vocabulary that we will use throughout the topic. We will be referring to our knowledge organisers throughout both half terms but please also spend some time exploring them with your child at home.



## Reminders:

- ◆ Children will begin to bring home library books on Fridays. Please return them on Wednesdays.
- ◆ Homework folders should still be returned on Wednesdays.
- ◆ Water bottles should be brought into school every day.
- ◆ Please check that your child's name is still visible on clothing they wear in school, especially jumpers.
- ◆ Please ensure that your child comes to school wrapped up with a hat, scarf and gloves. Lots of our learning takes place outside.

As always, if you have any concerns or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support. Happy New Year!

**Mrs Holdbrook**