



# RECEPTION INFORMATION

## SPRING 2017

We hope this letter helps to keep you informed about the Reception classes and offers you support in ensuring your child is getting the best out of the curriculum. This half-term we are working on the theme of:

### Winter

We will also be following the children's interests as they arise.

We shall be:

- ◆ Learning about winter - what it feels & looks like
- ◆ Listening to wintry music (eg 'Winter' from Vivaldi's Four Seasons)
- ◆ Observing and recording the weather in winter
- ◆ Learning to use the iPad to take photos
- ◆ Thinking about the clothes which are most suitable for different climates and the materials used
- ◆ Learning about polar areas and the animals which live there
- ◆ Making equipment to use to go exploring (e.g. binoculars, telescopes, maps) in polar areas

#### Literacy / Jolly Phonics

Learning and trying to remember how to write tricky words (see flash card sheet).

Blending the sounds we have learned, to make words.

Encouraging correct letter formation and remembering the flick or joining tail.

Encouraging emergent writing skills, sounding out words, a finger space between words and a full stop at the end of a sentence.

#### Numeracy

Days of the week, yesterday, tomorrow, today.

Months / seasons of the year.

One more, two more, one less, two less, etc.

Introducing the vocabulary of addition: plus, add, +; equals, =; altogether.

Counting forwards and backwards up to 20.

Recognising numbers to 20, counting sets of objects 1-1

Writing numbers.

Recognising coins, using pennies to buy small items.

#### How you can help:

1. Encourage or talk about any of the above.
2. Keep practising the sounds and the new digraphs, and make words with them.
3. Look at and learn the tricky words, practise writing them.
4. Help your child to become familiar with coins and the language involved e.g. pence, penny, p, etc.
5. Please continue to sign and comment in the reading records.

#### Things to bring in:

If anybody has any resources related to our topics that you would be happy to lend us we would be very grateful.

#### Stay and Play

Please remember to sign up for 'Stay and Play' for the week 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February where you will be able to learn more about what we are doing.

Please do feel free to ask any questions if you are unsure about anything, we are more than happy to help.

*The Reception Staff*

