



# Reception Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

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**Message from the staff:** Happy New Year to all our families! We would like to welcome you back after the Christmas holidays. We hope you all had a good break and are ready to start a new term. We will continue to use Seesaw to document children's learning. You will be able to see your child's learning at school, add your own observations and complete home learning activities. As always, please come and speak to a member of staff if you have any questions, concerns or comments.

## Class Topic: Around the World!

Reception will be exploring the world around us this half term. We will look at Winter weather, explore the changes in our environment and compare to the Polar regions.

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year and finding out about the dances and food. We will also be exploring different countries and comparing them to where we live.



## Knowledge and Understanding of the World

**Exploring winter weather.** What do we wear in Winter? What does our environment look like in Winter?

**Celebrating Chinese New Year.** What do the celebrations look like? What food do people eat?

**Exploring different countries.** What is it like in different countries? How does it compare to where we live?

## Maths:

Exploring numbers to 8.  
Finding 1 more and 1 less.  
Exploring the composition of numbers to 8.  
Doubles to 8.  
Combining 2 groups.

Exploring and comparing length, height and time.



## English:

The children will be learning stories through 'Talk Through Stories'. We will be reading the stories frequently to get to know them really well and learning the vocabulary in them.

**The stories this term are: One Snowy Night, Lost and Found and Handa's Hen.**

**Phonics:** Children will continue learning letter sounds and how to blend and segment words. They will continue to practice m, a, s, d, t, i, n, g, o, c, k, u, b, f, e, l, h, sh, r, j, v, y, w, th, z, ch, qu, x, ng, nk and build words with these sounds. Eg. s-a-t, sat, b-u-g bug.

**Name writing:** Children will practise recognising and writing their name each day. They will practise forming the letters correctly.

## Physical Development:

- ◆ Getting dressed and undressed.
- ◆ Moving around the hall.
- ◆ Using the outdoor area - climbing on the climbing frame and using the bikes.



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Dreams and Goals  
Piece 1 - Challenge  
Piece 2 - Never Giving Up  
Piece 3 - Setting a Goal  
Piece 4 - Obstacles and Support  
Piece 5 - Flight to the Future  
Piece 6 - Award Ceremony

## Creative Development:

Cutting and sticking to create a winter collage.  
Painting and printing winter pictures.  
Using junk modelling materials to make a penguin/boat.  
Making Chinese dragon masks.  
Music and singing sessions.

**How parents can help:** Please help your children to recognise and write their name. Practise counting objects and recognising numerals to 8 at home. Read books with your child and encourage them to retell the stories. Practice the RWI speed sounds. Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform to school every day and brings their book bag to school.

## Days/Dates to remember:

Please return reading books every THURSDAY. Please make sure your child has a named pair of pumps in school.

## Half term holiday:

Last day of school - Friday 14th February.

Reopen - Monday 24th February.