



Dear parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope you have had a fun but relaxed holiday and that your children are ready and excited to be back at school! I am sure they have much to tell us.

Topic

We are starting the term focussing on the story 'We're going on a bear hunt' and then will move onto other bear stories. If your child has a favourite bear story that they would like to bring in to share with the class please send them in. The children's interests will lead their learning and experiences in Class Reception.

Reading

We will ensure all children have changed their books this week and will recommence with regular reading with your child from Monday. Hopefully the Christmas break has allowed you to share many reading opportunities with your child. Our focus for the spring term is to use the children's knowledge of all sounds taught and begin to blend and create words in both their reading and writing. I was very impressed with the progress of the children's name writing before Christmas and have sent home the capital letter for your child's name to help support their writing at home. This does not need to come back to school; it is to help you and your child at home.

Reminders

Our outdoor classroom day is Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes to school in old clothing that you are happy to get dirty.

Snack money for the spring term is now due. If you could please send in £7 in a named envelope as soon as possible it will be appreciated.

The children were very independent before Christmas, coming into school without a grown up and we would like to see this continue. Obviously if you have a need to see a member of staff there will be somebody at the door every morning and afternoon to help you.

Please don't hesitate to come and see a member of the team if you have any concerns or queries.

We are looking forward to an exciting and fun term.

The Reception Team