

### Dear Parents & Carers

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a fun-filled holiday. We have been looking forward to welcoming you and your child back. The theme for the first half of this term will be 'Starry Night'. As well as our over-arching theme, we are led by the children's interests, so who knows where they will take us this term. Throughout the term we will continue to share your child's learning via the Dojo app.

#### Important dates for your diaries:

**Chinese New Year 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023**

**Shrove Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

Reading books will come home on a **Thursday**. Please ensure your child returns their book on a **Monday** each week. Your child will also bring home a book from the library. Please return this book with their reading book.



### In Maths

As mathematicians, we will be developing our understanding of numbers 6-10. We will learn to count out from larger groups of objects, how to represent these numbers using our fingers and a ten frame and also how to count back and forth from any number between 0-10. We will learn how to write these numbers and how to find one more, one less. Finally, we will be looking at the number bonds for each number, so the children can begin to instantly recall their number facts.

### Physical Development

We are very lucky to have Active Blackpool delivering Bikeability this term. Each child will take part in their weekly sessions. We will continue with the daily mile and our focus in PE will be fundamental movement skills. We will be discussing ways to keep our bodies healthy including dental hygiene.

### Communication Language and Literacy

Our T4W (Talk 4 Writing) focus this term will be poetry and instruction writing. The main text we will be using is 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers.

We will be reading a range of other fiction and non-fiction texts like, 'Jack Frost', 'Snowball' and 'Snowflake Detective'. We will be developing our speaking skills by re-telling stories and learning traditional Nursery Rhymes.

Daily phonics sessions will continue as we move onto Phase 3. Children are taught 4 new sounds a week and one consolidation session. Thank you for your continued support at home.



### Home Learning

Please support your child by practising the 4 weekly sounds they have learnt in phonics and any additional sounds that are sent home.

Follow this link for an overview of all the sounds the children will learn this term:  
<https://youtu.be/DvOuc7cWXxc>



### Understanding the World

The children will be finding out about weather and the conditions in different polar regions using maps and globes. We will research the different arctic animals and how they are different to animals we have in England. We will be exploring the properties of ice and discussing melting and freezing. The children will celebrate Chinese New Year by tasting food and learning about traditions from Chinese culture.



### Personal, Social and Emotional

We will be focusing on showing resilience and perseverance during challenges. We will be supporting children to negotiate/resolve conflicts and talk about themselves positively and confidently. We will explore Online Safety and different working roles in their families and wider community.

### Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to learn lots of different songs and how to use our voices to create high and low-pitched sounds.

We will be exploring and using a variety of artistic effects to express ideas and feelings including creating icy landscapes and Van Gogh inspired art.

We will design and create space rockets and Chinese dragons in junk modelling.