

Dear parents and 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.

Best wishes, Miss Dooler & Mrs Latcham

PE day will continue to be **Monday & Wednesday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their Arnfield PE kit on these days and earrings removed please.

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

Important dates for your diaries:

National Child Measuring Programme: **Thursday 18th January**

Chinese New Year Parental Workshops:

Mini Vultures – **Tuesday 6th February**

Mini Hobbies – **Thursday 8th February**



Physical Development

The children will be working towards the Early Learning Goal requirement of learning to negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others.

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

Maths

The children will continue to follow the White Rose Maths curriculum. As mathematicians, we will be developing our understanding of numbers to 10. We will learn to count out from larger groups of objects, how to represent these numbers using our fingers and on 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. We will then move on to number bonds where the children can begin to learn to instantly recall their number facts.

Communication, Language and Literacy

In EYFS we focus on listening, attention and understanding and speaking. Our T4W (Talk 4 Writing) focus this term will be poetry and instruction writing. The main text we will be using is 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy.

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.

Click to find out more about Talk 4 Writing

<https://youtu.be/VI2OWdZo6nY>



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. We will be discovering 'space' and exploring light and dark. The children will celebrate Chinese New Year by tasting food and learning about traditions from Chinese culture.



Home Learning

Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in phonics. More information can be found on the Little Wandle website:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parent/>

Please practise the Tricky Words that are sent home,

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 Art and Design

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

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.