



Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are so excited to see the children back in the classroom after the 2-week break 😊

Term 3 focus

Last term, the children were super engaged and immersed in 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'Stickman' – The Gingerbread Man even paid a visit to our classroom!

This term our key books are: 'Lost and Found' and 'Naughty Bus'. We can't wait to look at Antarctica and different types of transport (if you or anyone you know works with any kind of transport, we would love to hear from you to talk about how we can use your expertise in our learning this term!).

In addition, we will have a very exciting immersive day where the children will become Antarctica explorers for the day and complete lots of icy and snowy related activities. It is a chance for the children to fully immerse themselves in their learning and apply what they have already learnt during the term, as well as, learn new ideas and skills throughout the day. Previously, children and staff have loved similar days to this and I look forward to sending you more information about this in the near future!

Important things to know:

- If your child is coming to school with a bike at any point, please ensure that these are walked with when on school grounds to avoid any injuries to themselves or others.
- As the weather gets colder and wetter, we would like to remind you that your child will need a waterproof, warm coat daily as we love to go outside in all weathers where possible.
- Our PE day is on a Tuesday so we ask that your child comes in wearing their PE kits on that day.

- Please can all clothing and other items that belong to your child be **labelled** (this prevents them from going missing!).
- The children are offered a piece of fruit at snack times. They are allowed to bring in their own snack for this, however, it must be a healthy snack (e.g. fruit, cheese, yoghurt, etc).
- You should be reading with your child a minimum of 3 times per week – please record this in their reading records. Please send reading books and reading records in to school every day so that we can read with them at school as well.
- Every Thursday, we head out for our Welly Walks. Given the cooler weather this term, you are very welcome to send your child in with extra layers on Thursdays if you feel they may need them. We will, of course, do our best to keep everyone warm, but please note that we spend most of the afternoon outdoors on this day.

Please visit this website for more information about how phonics is taught within our school
<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

We encourage you to follow our class Twitter page @Reception_RCPS and look at Tapestry to keep update to date with what your child is learning at school 

Please feel free to come and chat to me about any questions or queries that you have or email the school office at admin@rodbournecheney.swindon.sch.uk

Best wishes,
Miss Armishaw