



# Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Tuesday 16th January

Early Years

## What were Early Years learning in Autumn 2?

In Autumn 2, Early Years enjoyed learning about the similarities and differences between land and sea. We learnt about snow and ice, and what causes the snow and ice to melt. We enjoyed learning about the habitats of different animals in science. In D&T, we made our own floating boats. In English, we used the story 'The Rainbow Fish' as our Talk 4 Writing story.



## Spring 1 - A Stitch in Time: Materials That We Use

This half term, in English, we will be using the story 'The Elves and The Shoemakers' as our Talk 4 Writing text. We'll continue to learn new sounds in our phonics lessons and we'll learn how to use these sounds in our writing.

In history, we will be learning about how clothing styles have changed over time and comparing items of clothing from the past and the present. In science, we will be learning about how different fabrics and materials are used to keep people warm and dry. We will be describing their different properties.

In design and technology, we will be learning how to sew. We will be designing and making hats!

We're looking forward to all of our new learning.



### How you can help at home:

- Please listen to your child read his/her reading book at least three times a week.
- Read fun stories with your child.
- Help your child to learn to dress themselves and tie their shoelaces.
- Count to 10 and back each day.
- Practise letter formation and sitting letters on the line.
- Please label your child's uniform and PE kit. The PE days are:  
Nursery Class: Tuesday  
Reception Class: (Honeybees) Tuesday/ (Bumblebees) Wednesday
- Support your child to hold a knife and fork correctly.

### Dates for Your Diary

Every Tuesday:	Rackets Cubed sessions for Dolphins Class. Stay and Read sessions for Reception.
W.B. Monday 5th February:	E-Safety Week.
Tuesday 6th February:	Safer Internet Day.
Wednesday 7th February:	STEM Exhibition (after school, for all families).
Friday 9th February:	Last day of the half term.
<b>Half Term Holiday.</b>	
Monday 19th February:	Return to school after the half term holiday.
Wednesday 6th March and Thursday 7th March:	Parents' evenings.
Friday 15th March:	Red Nose Day.
Thursday 21st March:	Y3/4 Easter Performance at St. Aidan's Church.
Friday 22nd March:	Gold Ticket Shop and Inspire Afternoon.
Friday 22nd March:	Last day of the half term.
<b>Easter Holiday.</b>	
Tuesday 9th April:	Return to school after the Easter holiday.