



**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

### **This week in Reception**

Our topic for this week will be Winter, we will go on a winter walk and think about how our natural environment has changed from Autumn. We will also look at maps to find places in the world that are always cold, and learn about polar animals.

**Phonics**  
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This week we will introduce the digraphs 'oo' (long sound) and 'ar' and the tricky words 'her' and 'are'. We will also focus on blending and segmenting cvc and ccvc words.

### **English and Topic**

Our writing focus will be sounding out and writing short sentences about winter.

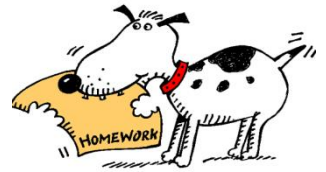


### **Maths**

We will continue to practise adding two sets of objects and recording a simple number sentence using the vocabulary add, plus and equals.

### **What can you do at home?**

1. Please practise writing cvc words (eg. Jug, cat ) and ccvc words (eg. ship, thin). All these words have three sounds.
2. Look for **vowels** in words.
3. **Practise reading the tricky words we have covered. Mini flashcards are at the back of your child's sound book and you can look for the tricky words in books. Also practise writing the tricky words starting with I, the, to, go, no, into.**
4. Please listen to/read with your child and make comments in the reading record. Please keep this in their book bags each day as we regularly check these and update them once we have allocated a new reading book. Ideally your child should be reading with you five times a week.
5. Keep practising name writing using the school script and other letters, in particular the curly caterpillar letters: c, a, o, q, g, d as we will be focusing on these letters in class.
6. Please practise adding two sets of objects and record simple number sentences.



### **Action points**

- ★ The first Show & Tell will be this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January for Group 1. The theme will be Winter. Your child could paint or make a picture or take photos on a winter walk and bring them to show. Be as creative as you like! Group 2 will be 19<sup>th</sup> January and Group 3, 26<sup>th</sup> January.
- ★ Please check all school uniform is named, especially hats, gloves and scarves.
- ★ Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day.
- ★ If you have a fridge that dispenses ice cubes, please could you send some ice into school on Thursday and/ or Friday. Thank you.
- ★ Please sign up if you can help with the parent army this term.

If you have any concerns please feel free to come and chat to one of us.

*Reception Team*