

Reception

Autumn Term 2

2016-2017

**Reading**

Reading books will be changed weekly according to House teams. We will visit the Library on **Tuesdays** so please ensure your child brings their library books on Fridays.

**P.E.**

PE kits (plimsolls/trainers included please!) need to be in school every Monday and will be sent home on Fridays. Our P.E. day is **Fridays**.

**Show and Tell**

Please encourage your child to bring in an item/photo/something special from home on their **book change** day to share with their friends during our daily **show and tell** sessions.

**Important dates****Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

EYFS trip to the Unicorn Theatre, to see 'Boing!'

**You are invited to...**

**The EYFS and Key Stage 1 performance of 'It's a Baby!'** Performances will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30 and 5:30 pm.

Letters with more information about the play (including costumes) will be sent home soon and children will be practising the songs regularly. Please talk to your children about the songs and put the performance dates in your diaries!



This term our learning will be based around the theme of

**'Winter Festivals'**

Children will learn about the following...

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development:** The children will continue to work as part of the class; following the golden rules and playing co-operatively with others.

**Physical Development:** The children will be learning about how to take care of themselves and others and how to stay safe in different situations such as at a bonfire party. In PE the children will be joining in with a range of dance activities.

**Communication and Language:** The children will be encouraged to develop their speaking and listening skills through a range of focused activities. They will be sharing items from home during show and tell to enhance their confidence when speaking in front of the class.

**Literacy:** The children will continue to have daily phonics lessons, focusing particularly on single and double letters and their sounds (for example ch, sh, and th). They will be blending and segmenting 3-4 letter words to enhance their reading and writing development.

**Mathematics:** The children will be learning about 2D shapes. They will be focusing on their properties and looking for shapes in the environment. The children will also be creating and talking about different types of patterns.

**Understanding the World:** The children will be learning about and celebrating different winter festivals from around the world such as Diwali, Bonfire night, Remembrance Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. They will be focusing on similarities and differences between the festivals.

**Expressive Arts and Design:** The children will be learning new songs and actions for our upcoming Nativity performance. They will continue to represent their own ideas about the topic using a range of resources and materials.

**You can help your child to succeed by doing the following:**

- Reading with your child as often as you can – encouraging children to sound out words
- Re-cap sounds and tricky words with your child
- Talk about stories as you read them, asking questions like 'What do you think will happen next?'
- Talk to your child about what they have learned at school

**Thank you for your continued support during this busy term.  
Ms Williams and the Reception class team**