



'Spurring each other on with love'

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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break.

Literacy:

The children will be talking and writing about their holidays. We will be encouraging the children to write about what they had for Christmas or what they did over the holidays. Our focus this term is to move the children on from writing a word or label, to writing a sentence. We will begin to introduce finger spaces between each word, encourage them to hold a sentence in their head and to finish with a full stop.

Maths:

This week, we will be looking at pairs of numbers that make 5 eg: 2 and 3, 4 and 1.

Other areas:

- Working on letter formation.
- Looking at toys from the past and comparing these with some of the children's Christmas presents.
- Talking about the seasons, with a focus on Winter.
- Exploring colour mixing.

Reading books, Ditty sheets and Sound Blending books:

These will be sent home next week. This week in phonics we will be working as a whole class, recapping single sounds and special friends, reading green words and alien words.

Fairy Tale Ball:

On Monday 9th February, to end our topic, we will be holding a fairy tale ball. The children can come to school dressed as a fairy tale character and bring with them the book they represent. This should be a character from a fairy tale or traditional tale, not just a character from a favourite story. eg: Snow White, Jack, a dragon, Puss in Boots, Gingerbread Man not Spiderman, Gekko or Peppa Pig etc.



Best Wishes from the Early Years Team:

Red Bears - Mrs O'Toole, Mrs Bond, Mrs Slade and Miss Davies
Blue Bears - Mrs Vanstone, Mr Cooper, Mrs Greenslade and Miss Christian

