

TO ALL RECEPTION CLASS PARENTS

January 2012

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Reception. The topic this half term is all about different types of weather and we hope to experience a wide variety. Through the Foundation Stage curriculum the children will be given the opportunity to explore many features and characteristics of the weather in a number of ways.

Through Knowledge and Understanding of the World, the children will develop their understanding of exploration and investigation. Experiments will include solids changing to liquids, freezing, evaporation and condensation. ICT skills will continue to be developed using the interactive whiteboard and the class computers.

Creative Development includes designing and model making snow vehicles, collage, colour mixing and exploring different techniques using paint. If you have any small boxes, plastic trays etc, for us to use in our model making we would appreciate receiving them before the week beginning January 23rd.

This half term, physical activities will include developing large ball and gym skills in PE. Fine motor skills will continue to be developed through sewing, cutting, pencil and mouse control. In PSHE we will be looking at the character qualities of love and wisdom, focusing particularly on caring, being considerate, listening and concentrating. Our maths sessions will cover number recognition, formation and values. We will also explore patterns, time, shape, capacity, sorting and counting on.

In Language and Literacy we are continuing the Letters and Sounds programme through daily phonic, word building and whole word recognition activities. We appreciate your support with the work we send home. We are also developing emergent writing, story building, sequencing, prediction and comprehension skills.

'Sharing' will continue on Monday mornings. Please encourage your child to remember this as it is an important activity in the development of their communication skills. Sharing for the rest of the term is:

Jan

- 16 - something you can blow
- 23 – something to wear /use in the snow
- 30 – patterned hats and/or mittens

Feb

- 6 - something to wear/use in the sun

We are looking forward to the jungle exploring trip to Wisley this Friday. Remember your child will need to bring a packed lunch and a coat.

With many thanks and a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Forsyth
Class Teacher

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Class Teacher