

Home Reader books

Children have enjoyed taking a range of reading books home. Please ensure you read with your child and comment in his/her reading record as a new book will only be given out if the reading record has been signed by the parents. Books will be changed twice a week. Children need to bring their books every day as they are listened to during the week by their teachers.

Reading Rockets will be collected and returned on a Monday. If your child is able to read a word, it will be highlighted. Your child will receive a new reading rocket once all the words can be read on the current rocket.

Phonics

This term we will continue to introduce digraphs in our phonics lessons. This is where two letters make one sound. For example, sh-makes one sound in the word **shop**. Please help your child to identify the digraphs in his/her reading book and use them to decode and segment new words. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about your child's progress.

Topic

Alongside the topic of 'Winter' we will also be looking at the topic 'Under the Sea.' We will be looking at sea creatures and their different habitats. We will look at where they live and how we can preserve the sea from pollution. We will look at the shore and the wild life we find there. We will visit the Sea life Centre in February to look at a range of sea creatures linked to our topic. We will also be looking at adventurous mythical and magical sea creatures/people.



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Winter Wonderland

This half term's topic is 'Winter Wonderland'

The children will be learning about:

- What changes the winter weather brings to the environment, such as snow, ice, frost and the effects this has on humans and animals.
- What changes we need to make to our lives in winter such as winter clothing, warm foods and how some animals hibernate.
- The children will also look at the concept of freezing and melting and explore where ice melts the fastest.
- In art, children will learn to mix paints to create a winter scene. They will also learn to use the technique of weaving to create winter scarves and hats.
- The children will also be learning about life in the Arctic. They will look at the animals and people who live there. Children will read stories about penguins.

Literacy

This half term in Literacy the children will be looking at non-fiction books about winter. They will learn lots of information about winter time, which will enable them to write facts about winter. We will also spend time looking at rhymes and poems about winter time, where children will investigate the use of rhyming words. Traditional tales will be read and will give the children a chance to innovate and make the stories their own.

Numeracy

In numeracy we will continue to secure counting and number skills. This half term we will encourage children to practice counting, ordering and practising their number formation to 20. We will also be securing simple addition and subtraction facts up to 20 with the children. The value of money will also be explored, where the children will be involved in adding simple amounts. We will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes where the children will learn to name and state some properties of each shape.

What you can do to help your child.



Talk to and ask your child about his/her learning in school.

Help your child with their weekly homework.

Ask your child about the letter sound or digraph they have learnt that day.

Help your child to learn to read and write the words from their reading rockets.

Listen to your child read daily.

Read books to your child so that they can hear and interact with story language and characters.

Thank you for your continued support!

Thank you to all the parents who have been sending in recycled junk items. Please continue to send these and additionally please send in large egg trays and plastic milk lids.