

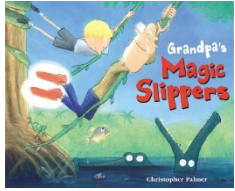
Dear Parents,

Welcome back. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and a Happy New Year!



What will we be learning this term?

We have an exciting term planned that will start with the story, "Grandpa's Magic Slippers,"



where the children will use his magical slippers to "travel" to different exciting places around the world. As this story supports us in finding out about different environments, we encourage you to learn together at home by looking at different story settings or by talking about different places that you have visited or might see on the T.V, in magazines or in non-fiction books. Because many of the children are interested in super heroes, we will be immersed in many super hero books such as: Superworm and Supertato and the children will take part in 'Super Hero Training School'. We will also learn about being healthy and explore which 'real life super heroes' help us to stay healthy. As we follow the children's interests, our topics evolve due to their fantastic ideas and imagination which make for an unknown, exciting learning adventure for us all.

P.E

Each week the children have been taking part in gymnastics lessons with Premier Sports which they have thoroughly enjoyed. This term the children will have PE on a Wednesday, but this will then change to a Friday after the February half term. We encourage PE kits to stay in children's lockers so that they are readily available.

Homework

It is really important that you hear your child read daily and that you read to your child daily too. This will help to develop a love of reading as well as immerse them in rich vocabulary. Talk about the characters and settings, make predictions as to what you think might happen next and discuss how the characters are feeling and why they might be feeling that way. Please record in your child's reading log the stories that you have shared. Your child will read daily at school in phonics and in many other contexts. Their book will be changed once a week, the day that your child will read and have their book changed is written on the front of their home/school contact book. We will be sending a book mark home with 'super power words' on. These are tricky words that can't be decoded using phonics, so your child needs to learn to read them by sight. Why not encourage your child to try writing them in sand or shaving foam, or on post it notes which can be placed on the stairs, so that they can read them each time they go up to bed.

WOWS

This term we are introducing WOWS. Our wonderful children often make us say WOW and make us feel incredibly proud when they achieve something new, so why not share that with us. You can do this by writing it on a WOW slip, which will be outside the classroom door. We can talk about this WOW with your child and they can share it with the class if they wish. WOWS will be very different for each of our children as they are all individual and unique, but some examples may include: learning to put on their jumper independently, riding a bike without stabilisers, being brave at the doctors, sharing their toys with their brother/sister etc. It can be anything big or small that makes you feel proud. Please take a sheet with you in advance so that you are prepared to record those WOW moments.

Social Snack

From now to Easter your child will be visiting the shop to choose a social snack in small groups. This will provide many positive opportunities to support them with their learning, such as: planning healthy snacks, using money to pay for items and then making the snacks to share with their peers. We would be very grateful if you could please bring in a £1 voluntary contribution to support with this.

We encourage an open door policy, so if you have any questions, please feel free to ask. We look forward to sharing another fantastic term with you supporting our children to aspire, achieve and grow.

Many thanks,

The Reception Team ☺