



## Reception Newsletter

January 2025- February 2025

Winter and Cold Climate



A warm welcome back to all our children!

We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas holiday and are ready to get back to school for all the exciting learning we have planned for this half term. This half term, we will begin our learning around the theme winter. Over the next few weeks, we will be reading the story 'Over and Under the Snow', which explains what it is like for animals during these cold winter months. We will also learn about David Attenborough and his work on the 'Frozen Planet'. This half term, we will also be celebrating Chinese New Year and learning interesting facts about the celebration.

### This half term we are learning:

- To have a deep understanding of numbers 6, 7 and 8
- About the seasonal changes that occur during winter
- How to double numbers
- How to use non-fiction books to find out information
- How to write a non-fiction fact file
- How to recognise odd and even numbers
- How to automatically recall number bonds to 5 and 10
- How to use a finger space when writing
- About Lunar New Year, who celebrates it, what people who celebrate this festival believe and how this festival is celebrated

### How to help your child at home:

- Practise reading all set 1 letter sounds and using the letter rhyme to help your child to write their letters correctly
- Encourage your child to zip their coat up independently
- Listen to them read at home as much as possible
- Encourage your child to count objects, saying a number as they touch each object in order
- Encourage your child to practise ordering and recognising numbers to 10
- Encourage your child to write short labels and captions, using their Fred fingers to sound out the words
- Talk to your child about the environment they live in and how it is different from other places in the world
- Encourage your child to practise writing their first and last name

### The children will:

- Make their own video documentary using a green screen
- Carry out a 'blubber' experiment when learning about animals living in cold climates
- Practise writing simple CVC sentences
- Create a wintery landscape collage
- Make a bird feeder
- Make observations of the various animals found in our local environment
- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments
- Make a dragon's head so that they can perform a Chinese Dragon dance
- Taste a variety of Chinese foods and experiment using chopsticks
- Compare their own traditions to those of others
- Take part in a winter walk
- Practise using zips and buttons

### Things to remember:

Children in Reception will have a weekly outdoor learning session. Please bring in a pair of wellies with their name in. We do have a few spare if needed. We have a set of waterproof suits for each child to wear if it is wet but a waterproof coat in school is useful too

RPC and RAH will need their wellies on **Thursdays**.

**Thank you for all your support!**

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