



Dear Parents and Children,

Reception Curriculum Information- Spring 1 2018

Firstly could we thank you for your support during the last term, with our parent events and nativity- it was all very much appreciated. This term we are beginning with a 'Winter and Cold Places' theme and we are hoping to 'Hook' the children's interest with an **ICE DAY on Monday 8th January**. During the day we are hoping to enjoy a whole host of activities such as 'freeing the frozen animals', building with ice cubes, painting with coloured ice, experimenting with ice and building ice (sugar) cube igloos! Following this we will look at the Arctic/ Antarctic, the animals and people that live there and how the environment differs from here in Harden. PLEASE CAN YOU SEND YOUR CHILD WITH A PAIR OF GLOVES ON THIS DAY. We will continue to use a variety of key texts throughout the topic, starting with the Emperor's egg by Martin Jenkins which shares lots of factual information about penguins.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Over the next half term we will continue to encourage the children to play co-operatively, taking turns with each other, as well as encouraging independence. The children will take more responsibility for their own learning by completing independent activities in addition to the rainbow challenges.

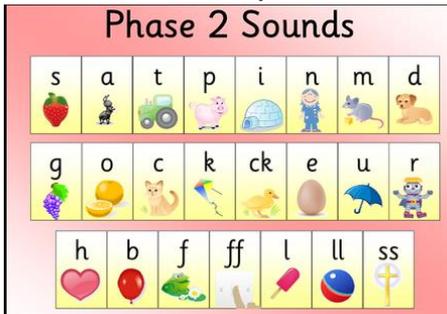
How can you help at home? Promote independence around the home and encourage them to ask for help when they need it. Encourage your child to take responsibility for some of their own things and tidying away after themselves when they have been playing.

Phonics: Children will continue to say sounds in words and blend them together and know which letters represent some sounds. They will now begin to read words and simple sentences, and begin to apply their phonics in writing their own words and captions. We will continue to change the home reading books on a **weekly basis**, but

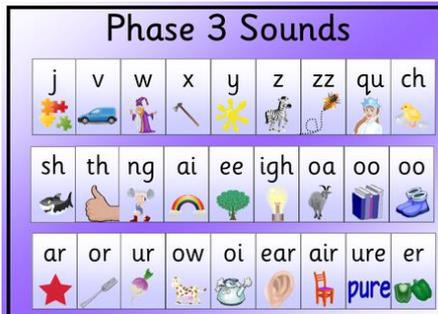


the children will now be designated a set day - this day will be stuck onto your child's home journal. Please ensure your child has their books in school every day.

Phase 2- already covered:



Phase 3- to learn and consolidate this term:



How can you help at home?

Read as often as you can, 5-10mins every day if possible, to enable children lots of practice recognising and blending letter sounds. Ask your child to attempt spelling words using their phonic knowledge.

Mathematics: We will be working with numbers up to 20, counting, writing numbers and being able to find 1 more/ 1 less by heart. We will also be using numbers to practically add and subtract and applying this in the context of money. We will continuously count as a whole class and in groups, using varied multiples of 1's 2's 10's, forwards and backwards.

How can you help at home?

Spot numbers in the environment on road signs or house numbers, especially 2 digit numbers. Help your child recognize small coins 1p, 2p, 5p, 20p. Look out for the Number Zumba sheet stuck in your child's home journal from next week (More info to follow).

Physical Development: Children will continue to have opportunities to use a variety of equipment both indoors and outdoors. Fine motor physical development will focus on using a pencil to correctly form letters of a consistent size. During whole class gross physical development sessions, the children will learn to use apparatus and wall bars





as well as develop short dance routines. Please send your child in their school **PE kit** on a **Monday and Friday** this half term.

How can you help at home?

Practise writing short captions to develop letter formations. Practise forming letters in different 'textures' such as shaving foam or sand.

Parental Engagement: It was wonderful to see so many updates on **Tapestry** over the holidays. Remember that you can update anything that 'WOW's you, or a recent step in progress that you have seen in your child... we were specifically asking for any additional updates on use of ICT and family traditions that your child has taken part in over Christmas. Thank you to everybody that has taken part in '**Mystery Reader**' so far this year, we have a new sign-up sheet on the classroom door if you would like to come in this term - please sign up quickly as they are filled quickly! Another thank you to all the parents that have come in to help **bake/ cook** - we are now focusing more on savoury items and welcome more volunteers- just email or catch Mrs Ruddock. This term our **parents event** will be on **Thursday 1st February at 2:15pm**, and you are welcome to come and join us in the classroom to see what we have been getting up to.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please pop in and speak to a member of the team.

Many thanks,

Mrs Ruddock, Miss Leatham and Mrs Poor
Reception Team