

## Phonics

We will be focusing on all the sounds we have learn so far (those seen in phase 2 and 3), as well as learning several new sounds. We will practise saying the sounds, writing them and testing our spellings. The children will show their understanding by writing sentences using their sounds of the day.

## Understanding of the World

Our focus this half term is all about Winter and noticing changes such as the cold weather. We have already discovered toys stuck in ice on our playground and we experimented with ways to melt it. A lot of the subjects are in our Chatter Matters scheme in which we focus the children on key words used in our learning. For example, one word is 'tortoise' we link this to hibernation (a previous key word) as well as learning about what a tortoise is. He is also the star of our Authors in Training story for this half term!

## Welcome Back!

This half term we will be focusing on the topic 'It's Cold Outside'. We have already had a thrilling start to this topic: some of our boats, penguins and polar bears had become frozen in ice. We had to use lots of different toys, and our best problem-solving skills to free them. During the second part of this half-term we will focus on our 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' story, which will help us learn and understand more about the natural world.

## PE

PE takes place every Wednesday morning. This half term we are focussing on Dance, where we will be creating movements and using them in song. We will be working on such songs as 'Nellie The Elephant' and 'Sleeping Bunnies'.

## Maths

We will focus on numbers within 10. Subitising with counters to help recognise how to make five, counting out the correct quantity and finding one more or one less. We will introduce heavier and lighter with scales. The children will get to experiment and discover properties of weight.

## Purple Folders

Thank you for continuing to bring back your purple folders each Friday. Reading is so helpful to the children's learning. We are so proud of how much reading you have been doing at home. So let's keep up that hard work!