



# The Whartons Primary School

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Happy New Year! And we hope you and your family have had a lovely Christmas. Here is an outline of some of the things that we will be covering with the children. As ever, we will be allowing the children to lead much of their learning by following their interests.

**Theme:** In keeping with the weather, we will be exploring the properties of ice, and will be finding out about animals and communities that live in cold places around The World. This will provide plenty of opportunities for the children to develop their physical, creative and scientific skills.

**Communication, Language and Literacy:** In phonics we will be learning digraphs (For example, sh, ee, ai) and a few more 'tricky' words. We will continue to encourage the children to 'sound out' words in order to read and write them and we will be challenging children to say and then write whole words and short sentences. We will be sharing stories from around the world, and we are sure that the children will enjoy re-telling them through role-play and small world.

**Maths:** We will continue to explore numbers in detail, focusing particularly on 6-9, and will use these numbers to practise ordering, calculating, sharing and doubling. We will continue to practise counting beyond 10 and will refer to numbers up to 100 in a range of contexts. We will practise informal, practical ways of measuring time, weight and capacity.

## Supporting Your child at Home

We would like to thank you for the support you have given us so far in listening to your child read and helping them with their homework. It really has made a difference to their learning.

This half term we will continue to send home a reading book at least once a week, as well as the phonics sounds we have covered and some 'tricky' words to learn (for an informal spelling quiz).

## A few reminders

Please provide your child with a couple of cheap pairs of gloves. They tend to get quite wet in this weather, so it's helpful to have a spare pair while we put the first pair on the radiator!

If you wish to change your own child's reading book, feel free to do so. We can direct you to the folder and book basket- just ask.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Matthews and Mrs Manderville

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