

Happy New Year from The Butterflies Class



The Early Years Team:

Ms Matthews (teacher, works Monday-Wednesday); Mrs Manderville (teacher, works Thursday-Friday); Mrs Rockliff (teaching assistant, works Monday- Wednesday); Miss Wilkinson (teaching assistant, works Thursday- Friday). Miss Duncum (teaching assistant Monday-Friday mornings). Mrs Rumsey (teaching assistant Monday-Friday afternoons)

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and we wish a happy new year. Here is an outline of what we will be learning in Reception and, as ever, the children's learning will be enhanced as we follow their interests.

Subject	Coverage	What you can do to help
English	<p>Phonics: We will be learning digraphs and trigraphs (sounds written with two or three letters, for example 'ee', 'or', 'igh'. We will practise reading and writing words, captions and short sentences and will continue to learn 'tricky' words by sight.</p> <p>We will enjoy reading, listening to and re-telling stories from different cultures.</p> <p>We will practise forming the letters of the alphabet correctly using a pen/pencil.</p> <p>Adults will support the development of children's vocabulary as we play and explore in the provision together.</p> <p>Examples of writing for a purpose: Labelling the drawings and models that they make; writing short messages to each other; helping to write parts of a story.</p> <p>Class books: Mama Do you Love me? (Arctic); Kumak's Fish (Arctic); Clever Sticks; The story of Nian the monster; The Snowy Day; information books about winter and arctic</p>	<p>Share a range of story and information books at home, chatting about characters, events and facts. You should receive a story sack at some point again this half term.</p> <p>Spend a few minutes each day reading the school reading book.</p> <p>Practise learning to read/spell the 'tricky' words that we send home.</p> <p>Practise learning digraphs as we send the sheets home.</p>
Maths	<p>We will explore the numbers 5-7 in depth, thinking about one more and one less; adding and taking away using objects; remembering number bonds; and recalling doubles. We will recognise and practise writing the numbers 1-10</p> <p>We will learn the names and properties of 3d shapes.</p> <p>We will do more work on weighing and might have a go at making flapjack!</p>	<p>Practise counting up to 20.</p> <p>Continue to practise counting objects and saying the total.</p> <p>Play board games that involve a dice and moving along a board.</p> <p>Play score-keeping games.</p>

Theme: (Communication and Language, Physical Development; Understanding the World; Creative Development)	We will learn about the people and animals that live in the Arctic and will explore winter weather and the properties of ice. We will find out about how people around the world celebrate Chinese new year and will enjoy stories, dancing, artwork and cooking to help immerse us in this celebration. We will think about how to keep our teeth healthy.	Chat to your child about what they have enjoyed learning at school. Can they remember any interesting facts about The Arctic and Chinese New Year? Talk about healthy eating and teeth brushing.
R.E.	What makes a good helper?	Encourage your child to help around the house with a special job! Chat to your child about what they are good at and what they like doing. Maybe you could help your child to set a small goal for themselves.
PSED	Dreams and Goals	

A few reminders

Outdoor Clothing

Please can children have gloves and hats wellies in school each day and, if possible, waterproof trousers.

Milk

As soon as your child has their 5th birthday, their free school milk stops. Your child can only continue having milk if you set up payment for it. You can register here <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/> . If you do not wish for your child to have this milk, please explain this to your child so that they are not disappointed when we hand out the milk at school.

Home Learning

If you have not already done so, please join The Butterflies 2021-22 page on Google Classroom (class code 463cksb) so that we can send your child work if they cannot be in school due to Covid isolation.

Medical

Please make sure you let us know if your child develops any new medical conditions or allergies. If your child needs an inhaler, please make sure you hand one in at the school office and we will keep it safe in the classroom.

Safety

If someone different is coming to pick up your child from school, please let a member of staff know in advance, otherwise we won't be able to send your child home with them.

Parent Helpers

If you would be interesting in coming into school to listen to children read, please let a member of the Reception Team know, or contact the office.

If there is anything else you wish to know, then please come and speak to a member of the Reception team at any time.

Yours sincerely

Ms Matthews and Mrs Manderville