

Comets

Happy New Year,

I'd like to begin by thanking you on behalf of myself and Mrs. Pye for our lovely gifts and cards, we felt thoroughly spoilt by all of you and completely overwhelmed by your generosity.

I am sure you were as proud as I was of your children in the Christmas play, they were all super stars. Also, it has been lovely to see what the children have been doing over the holiday via tapestry - thank you!

The topic for this half term is going to be **Ice Lands**. The children are going to be learning about different types of weather, features of our world and the animals that live in polar climates. Alongside this, the children are going to be learning about the properties of shapes, addition/subtraction problems, data collection skills and recording. Get ready for lots of questions about your favourite things!!!

As some of you will be aware the children are beginning their reading journey. Over the next week or so all the children in the class will have their own reading book that they will bring home each day. Please listen to your child read every day and record how they are getting on in their orange reading log. This becomes a really useful tracker of how they are progressing with their reading. Mrs Pye and I will do our very best to hear the children read each day. There is also a computer program to complement their reading books, as soon as it is setup I will share the logins and passwords with you.

The children will be bringing home tricky word sheets, as well as their phonic sheets to learn. The children know that tricky words are words that they have to recognise by just looking at them. Please help them to learn their tricky words.

This term we are going to start doing show and tell every Friday. However, we are putting a little Comets twist on it (I never like things to be too easy for you) we are going to follow the letters of the alphabet so each week your child's show or tell must begin with the letter of the week. This week is going to be A. The more obscure the better!!!

The children will continue to have access to tuck on a Tuesday and Friday, for the cost of 30p and cartons of drinks daily (also 30p) please can the children bring this money into school in a purse. We will be asking the children to take their own money out and put it into the pots to further increase their independence and begin to work on their understanding of money.

Just the normal quick reminder, all children will need to have wellies and a coat in school every day, please ensure these are clearly named; initials written on the reflective triangle on the school coats is very useful. Any hats, scarves and gloves should also be named.

As always you know where I am if you want to discuss anything,
Mrs Thompson.