



# Flamingos' Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's break. In Flamingos Mrs Sharpe will be teaching the children with Mrs Holgate teaching RE and ICT Art/DT on a Thursday. On a Friday afternoon Mrs Cox will be teaching PE. We are delighted to have Ms Vincent and Mrs Tuma working alongside us in Flamingos. We are also lucky enough to welcome Miss Sharpe to the classroom as a trainee teacher.

Flamingos will be working on the following areas of the curriculum this term:

**Literacy:** We will continue to teach Literacy through Talk 4 Writing which will build on work already covered. All lessons will link to our phonic work with decoding and encoding and grammar therefore developing children's writing skills alongside the reading and writing of key high frequency words.

The first half term will see the children focussing on reading and writing developing characters from Little Red Riding Hood. This will then allow us to develop our story line with a newspaper report or wanted poster for the Wolf.

## **Reading:**

In school, children will take part in shared reading activities to learn and practise key reading skills. Please continue to hear your child read for 10 minutes every day to help build their confidences, fluency and understanding of a text. Please record when you have heard your child read in their reading records. Do not worry if staff have not written a daily record or comment in your child's book, the emphasis is placed on class reading in many differing formats alongside 1-1 reading. However Year 1 are now looking to read more developed pieces of texts in class and support daily at home will be crucial for them to develop their progress.

Reception children have been assessed for their phonic knowledge and their progress sheets will be shared with you. Areas of support at home have been requested in a separate letter. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to



come and chat to me. We have many children who have earned their set one sound certificate and they can be rightly proud of this success.

**Maths:** The children will continue to be taught through the maths mastery approach, developing skills through fluency, problem solving and reasoning. We will also be covering the age appropriate areas of Numbers, Calculation, Shape, Number Problems and Number Sentences in line with the National Curriculum deepening understanding of concepts taught. Homework will again consolidate key areas taught in school.

### **Literacy Homework:**

Spellings will continue to be our focus for literacy homework, please encourage your child to use their words in sentences while they are practising.

Spelling tests will continue to take place between **Wednesday and Friday** and new spellings sent out by **Friday**.

### **Reception Children**

Please note some handwriting formation work may be given in place of spellings to consolidate handwriting this term alongside key literacy homework.

**Topics:** This half term we will be focussing on:

#### **Geography**

- Revising United Kingdom areas before moving onto looking at the wider world and continents.

#### **Science:**

- Seasons - Winter to Spring with an extension of some material work and their properties.

**P.E:** All children should have **named** P.E. kit and trainers in school at all times containing kit for both indoors and outdoors. Trainers are needed daily at Playtime and Lunchtime.



**Tapestry:**

Please continue to update observations of your reception children to ensure we have a broad understanding of their skills and interests.

**Home Communication Booklet:**

If you have any exciting or want to share news with us please continue to write in the book or talk to Mrs Sharpe or Ms Vincent when dropping or picking your child off at school. We are always here to talk to you.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Sharpe Senior Teacher