



# Ruby Class Spring Term Newsletter

## A happy new year from all of the Reception Team!

Welcome back after what we hope was an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. We are all feeling rejuvenated, refreshed and ready to start our new term.

### Maths and English

This term we will be practising all phase 2 and 3 sounds that were taught in the Autumn term as well as learning to read and write bigger, 2 syllable words. We will also be exploring 3D shapes and 1 more than and 1 less than. We are always revisiting number skills such as counting and recognising numbers. Please continue to support your child counting anything from peas on a plate to toes on a foot and recognising numbers wherever they may find them!

In order to support your child's learning at home please continue with daily reading and practising sound and word walls.

Parent Partnership visits are a wonderful opportunity to share your child's successes at school and will take place during the second half of the term. The children will also continue to develop skills at home so please feel free to share your child's successes with us by uploading your pictures and comments to Tapestry. We value your support and look upon your child's learning as a partnership.

### Wow Moments

We will now be sending home wow moments. These are parent slips that allow you to write in a special moment your child has had at home. It can be anything from achieving a new swimming badge, to getting changed all on their own. We celebrate anything and everything! They will then be displayed for everyone to see.

Whatever the weather, we will be venturing outside on nature hunts. It is essential to send your child with a warm coat and wellies. We are encouraging the children to become more independent and so would appreciate lots of practice with zips, buttons, hats and scarves

This half term we will be looking at the topic '**What Happens When I Fall Asleep?**' We will be using a range of texts including; Night Monkey, Day Monkey by Julia Donaldson and Lucy Richards and How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers.

The children will have plenty of opportunities to work creatively

Forest School will now be on a Thursday so please can you make sure they have warm clothes that are allowed to get muddy!

### A gentle reminder:

- All items of clothing need to be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Communication can be in writing or by mutual appointment, or catch a member of the team for a quick word. Unfortunately, we are unable to see parents before school unless it is an emergency.
- Your child needs to bring a named water bottle into school each day.
- PE is on a Tuesday and a Wednesday this half term. Please can earrings be removed before coming to school.
- Open classroom will continue to be on a Tuesday after school.