

## Welcome back!

We hope you had a great Christmas holiday and enjoyed some well-deserved family time together. We are so happy to be back

We are so delighted with the progress the children are making and what shining stars they truly are. We are extremely proud of their resilience and effort after a year of lots of change and we thank you for your continued support – especially with the home learning during Lockdown.

Our topic for this half-term is ‘**Amazing Animals**’ and then next half term will be ‘**Story Time**’. We will be learning about lots of different kinds of animals and their habitats, how to care for Pets and which animals we would find in different places. Then we will be learning all about Traditional Tales and lots of different stories, writing them and changing them, looking at the characters and much more.



### HOME TASKS

This half term we are starting to use a homework grid which has all the homework activities for the whole half term. These can be done as and when you wish, so please just write the date under the task when you have completed it. If you would like to stick in a picture of your child completing the activity then feel free, but this isn't compulsory! This half term, the homework gallery will take place on a Friday so please make sure books are **returned by Friday**.

### READING

Please continue to read with your children and encourage segmenting, blending and reading independently. Ensure that books are **kept in the children's bags** so that we can read with the children at school and change their books. **Please bring your book bag in every day**. Please comment in the reading journal so we know you have read with your child. New books will be given out on Friday.



### TRICKY WORDS

We will also start to send home Tricky Words for your child to learn and they will be tested on these every Thursday/Friday. They will move up to the next set of words when they can recognise every word in their set by sight, without sounding it out.



### BELONGINGS

Please ensure **ALL** belongings are labelled, including PE kit. It is very difficult to keep track of uniforms when they are un-named.

### OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT

Children will have lots of access to the outdoor play area throughout the day; therefore, we kindly ask that children **do not use the outdoor equipment after school**. This is a **health and safety matter** and we thank you for your cooperation.

#### Please note:

- Remember we provide children with named water bottles and fruit for snack. If you wish to bring in snack, please ensure it is only fruit.
- PE is on a Wednesday and Thursday – please come dressed in PE kit.

Please do let us know if you have any questions, we are always here to help.

The Reception Team

