



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Learning for the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January

- We have started working in different groups for our phonics lessons and this is what we shall be learning this coming week:
  - Mrs Clarke's group will be learning two new sounds: 'igh' - fly high and 'ow' -blow the snow
  - Mrs Damacus's group will be revising qu, z, ng and nk
  - Ms White's and Miss King's groups will be revising some of the set 1 sounds from later term.

We will add new QR codes to your child's reading record books as they are taught new sounds. Please keep using the QR codes that you already have to practise hearing, saying and writing the set 1 sounds.

- We will be learning all about the Chinese New Year over the next two weeks. This week we will be learning all about the story of the Chinese zodiac and how each year is named after an animal. Next week we will be learning all about the country of China and some of its customs. We will also be tasting Chinese food during that week.
- In maths we will be focussing on the number 8. We will learn how to write the numeral, how to count to 8, different ways to represent the number 8, how to say a number one more or one less than 8 and the composition of 8.
- In RE we will be continuing our topic called 'Celebrating'. We will be learning about special times we celebrate together and how we come together to celebrate God's love for us during Mass.
- Our story of the week is 'The Great Race'
- Our word of the week is 'Celebrating'.

PE

Just a quick reminder - Our PE day is a Friday and the children need a PE kit. We will send PE kits home on a Friday afternoon after we have done Pe so that they can be washed and the returned to school on the following Monday. We would like to keep PE kits in school all week in case we end up doing an extra PE lesson or our lesson is moved for any reason.

PE

We had our first whole class PE lessons today and it went very well. The children managed to get changed into their kit and back again afterwards. We have tried very hard to ensure that your child's PE kit made ir back into the correct PE bag but, it is inevitable that some items may have got into another child's bag. If you find a piece of kit is not yours please return it to us and we will make sure it gets back the correct child. Please can we ask a few things:

1. **PLEASE** name every single bit of PE kit so we can return wandering items to the correct child.
2. Please send in shorts as well as track suits. When we do PE indoors we expect the children to have shorts and t-shirts.
3. Please help your child to practice taking off and putting on their own clothes. We will help children take off/ put on tricky items, turn things round the right way and do up buttons etc. However, we do need the children to become a bit more independent with changing in order to speed up the process!

### Can you help?

We are setting up 'message centres' in our classrooms and, as part of their Busy Learning time, the children will be making and sending their own 'messages' to their friends, teachers and their families. If you have got any of the following at home that you no longer need we would gratefully receive them:

- Post it notes
- note books
- pads of paper
- envelopes
- sticky labels
- Anything else that you think the children would be able to use

Any size, shape or colour - we don't mind!

Best wishes

Mrs Clarke and Mrs Damacus.