

# Reception Learning Letter

**Spring 1**



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## Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 15th January (9am)** - PINS parent coffee morning

**Saturday 1st February** - World Hijab Day

**Monday 3rd - Sunday 9th February** - Children's Mental Health Week

**Tuesday 11th February** - Safer Internet Day

9am - Safer Internet Parent Workshop

**Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February** - Half term

**24th February** - Start of Spring 2

## Routines

Outdoor Learning (Forest School) – We are halting Forest school at present and will let you know when this will start again.

Indoor PE - Tuesdays (RF) and Thursdays (RK)

**Please send children to school in their PE kit on their day** (white polo shirt; black/navy jogging bottoms, and trainers.)

## Our Learning Journey

Happy New Year and welcome back. We hope you all had a good, relaxing holiday and we are excited to welcome your children back for an exciting term of learning.

This term, our traditional tale focus is [The Gingerbread Man](#) and we will bring this to life in many ways such as baking gingerbread men, retelling the story through drama, and writing about the story. Following this, we will start our [Under the Sea](#) topic. We will be reading some fascinating facts about sea creatures as well as learning about the swashbuckling world of pirates. If your child has a favourite sea-related book that they would like to share with the class, please bring it to school and we will read it together.

The children will be making and writing their own simple fact books and we will start to encourage them to extend the quantity of their writing. When you are reading with your child, it would be helpful if you could start to point out full stops at the end of sentences and encourage them to have a go at spotting any tricky words in the stories you share.

We will also celebrate [Chinese New Year](#) at the end of January when the new lunar year of the snake begins. If you would like to come into class to share how you celebrate, please let your child's class teacher know!

## English: Reading and Phonics

We will be learning Phase 3 sounds, focusing on the digraphs and trigraphs as well as tricky words.

We will continue to send home information sheets about these. We will continue hearing your child read 3 times a week and will send home their Little Wandle group-reading book on a Friday for them to read to you.

**Please ensure this is always returned to school on a Monday so it can be used by another child.**

## Maths

This term, we will be continuing to subitise numbers up to 6, as well as matching numerals to representations whilst understanding the meaning of 'more and fewer'. We will also be focusing on the composition of numbers up to 7 and investigating the 'part-part whole.' relationship. As part of our shape, space and measure learning, we will be focusing on length, height and time.

## Developing a love of reading - reading volunteers

As a school, we are passionate about reading, and in reception, we are looking for some parent volunteers to come and read to small groups of children before the end of the day. We intend to start this on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January. RK will have a reading slot on a Thursday from 2.50pm and RF on a Friday from 2.50pm. If you would like to join us, please email your child's class teacher.

## General Reminders

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the winter weather (e.g. warm waterproof coats and shoes) and remember to label your child's clothing, including hats, scarves and gloves. Please can you also make sure that your child has a labelled, change of spare clothes (including spare socks and shoes) that is left on their peg, and a plastic bag for any clothes that may be dirty.

**Junk Modelling:** Please keep sending any recycling we can use for junk modelling! Just a reminder that because of allergies, we cannot accept any dairy, nut or egg cartons.

Contacting teachers from Monday - Friday (between 8am-6pm only):

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With Best Wishes,

The Reception Team