

## Spring 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 - Reception

Welcome back to the Spring Term, we hope you have had a brilliant holiday! For our topic this half term we will be looking at 'Aliens from Outer Space!'

Please don't forget to send your children to school wearing warm coats, scarves and hats that are **clearly labelled** so they are fully prepared for our outdoor curriculum.

### Topic

This term, our topic is called 'Aliens from Outer Space'. The topic will allow us to focus on our 'Expressive Arts and Design' part of the curriculum as well as 'Communication and Language'. Hopefully, some friendly aliens will come to planet earth to visit us! We will also be looking at Winter, identifying features of the seasons and how they change. This will link to the 'Understanding the world' part of the curriculum. The Early Learning Goals for these parts of the curriculum are on our website.

We will be visiting MIMA art gallery on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January which is helping the school to work towards achieving the 'Discover award.'



### Literacy - we will be learning:

#### Reading

- Phase 3 phonics sounds.
- Reading CVC words, key words and simple sentences.
- Recognising rhyming words.

#### Writing

- To write simple sentences accurately sounding out CVC words.
- Begin to use finger spaces within sentences.
- To spell key words.

### P.E.

In Reception, this half term the children will be taught P.E through MFC coaches on a Thursday and will be both indoors and outdoors. Please make sure your child has the correct P.E kit:

- Outdoor **and** Indoor shoes,
- Shorts **and** jogging bottoms,
- Socks,
- T-shirt **and** jumper.

Please encourage your child to be independent dressing themselves including turning clothes the right way round.

Thank you.

### Reading

Reception children need to bring their book bag with their book and Reading Record to school every day. Staff will listen to the children read and change their books over the course of the week.

**Please sign your child's reading record each time they read at home so the teacher knows when they may be ready for a new book.**

Congratulations to the children who earned a prize from Mrs Lidgard for reading 3 times a week for 5 weeks.

### Maths- we will be learning:

- To count and recognise numbers beyond 10.
- To use language related to time and capacity.
- To estimate and accurately count objects.
- Begin to solve simple addition and subtraction problems.
- To find one more or less than a number beyond 10.

### General Information

- The children will spend time everyday learning outdoors so please bring a suitable coat that is labelled.
- Reception children also need to bring labelled water bottle to school each day. Please ensure it is filled with water only.
- At least 3 pieces of homework, taken from the Homework Grid, should be returned to school before the half term holiday.

Thank you.