

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you had a lovely winter break and are looking forward to the term ahead!

**Attendance and punctuality** is of high importance so please make sure your child is in school, on time each day. Any appointments should be made out of school hours where possible and absences notified to the school office.

### **Start of the Afternoon**

Children should be in the line at 12.30 ready to walk into school with their peers. Registration and activities start promptly so we do not want your child to miss out on any valuable learning time.

### **Uniform**

The children are not expected to wear school uniform every day. However, most of our children do and wear: a white shirt, black trousers or the Oriel blue skirt. Children are expected to wear black school shoes and as the children are still very young, it would be beneficial to them and us if their shoes were slip on or Velcro, please no wellingtons or boots. During this term please make sure that your child brings an outdoor coat as it will still be cold and they do participate in learning activities outdoors. No umbrellas are needed as they do not use them in school.

### **Maths**

This half term the children will continue to learn the numbers to 10. We will continue to sing number rhymes, the days of the week song and a weather song.

### **English**

We will be reading a wide variety of books to your children including: 'The Fish Who Could Wish', 'Commotion in the Ocean', 'Rainbow Fish' and 'Say Hello to the Snow Animals'. We will also begin to learn to write our names.

### **Reading**

Each week we share a book with your child in Nursery and discuss what is happening in the pictures. We would be grateful if you could also do this and then make a comment in their Reading Journal so that we can change the books for you weekly.

### **Phonics**

During our daily Phonics sessions we will be continuing Phase 1 sounds, i.e. sounds in the environment, rhyming words and body percussion. In addition, we will be beginning to learn Phase 2 sounds from the Letters and Sounds Programme, focussing this term on the sounds s, a, t, p, i and n.

### **Topic work**

This half term our Topic is 'Under the Sea'. We will be focussing on both animals that live in the sea and the ones in colder climates. We will be looking at how ice changes according to the outside environment.

We will also be looking at:

- Caring for other things
- Friendships and how to care for our friends in terms of sharing and using kind words
- How to care for other living things including animals

### **Reminders**

- We are happy to ring you if you have any concerns, questions or problems. After school is the best time for a longer discussion. Please email the office and a class teacher will ring you to discuss any questions or issues you may have.
- Please label all of your child's uniform, especially their coats and jumpers.
- We will send home the 'WOW Cloud' – please help us celebrate your child's home achievements!

Thank you for your co-operation. We look forward to working with you and your children this year.  
Yours faithfully

The Nursery Team