



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year, we hope you had a fantastic Christmas break. We want to wish a warm welcome to our new starters! We are delighted to be teaching your wonderful children and we are amazed at how well they have settled into their new learning environment. We are extremely proud of them all! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support we have been shown already. Below is a brief outline of what your children will be learning this term.

Our topics are:

'Frozen' in Spring 1 - In week 5, we will be learning all about the Chinese New Year.

'Bears' in Spring 2 - We will be focusing on stories based on bears. In week 5, we will be learning all about Easter.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be focusing on:

- Trying hard to follow rules and routines
- Making new friends
- Sharing experiences with others
- Saying what we like and what we don't like
- Saying when we are happy and sad
- Beginning to take turns



Literacy

We will be focusing on:

- Joining in with songs and rhymes
- Filling in missing words and phrases from rhymes
- Repeating words or phrases from a story
- Making marks and talking about them
- Drawing pictures of ourselves, family member and our friends
- Writing our name



Physical Development

We will be focusing on:

- Using mark making tools when drawing and writing
- Climbing equipment safely
- Running safely
- Carefully turning pages in a book
- Holding a pencil correctly when writing and drawing
- Helping our adults to dress us
- Becoming more independent in our self-care



Numeracy

We will be focusing on:

- Counting in sequence
- Using language such as more and a lot
- Counting out a small number of objects
- Noticing shapes and patterns in pictures
- Beginning to talk about the size of objects



Understanding of the World

We will be focusing on:

- Playing with small world toys
- Playing with mechanical toys
- Making friends
- Talking about our friends and family
- Learning what makes us similar and different from our friends



Communication and Language

We will be focusing on:

- Listening to stories and beginning to join in
- Playing with different sounds, rhymes and songs
- Understanding 'who', 'what', and 'where' questions
- Using language to say simple sentences
- Asking our own questions



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be focusing on:

- Singing our favourite songs
- Creating our new own sounds using instruments
- Experimenting with different colours
- To make-believe in our play





Things to remember!

Daisy Duck - Each week, one child will be chosen to take home 'Daisy Duck'. This is your opportunity to spend special time with Daisy, where you can record your adventures in Daisy's diary. We hope you have lots of fun!

Rhyming - Rhyming is an important skill that will help your child to listen for sounds and help them to read in the future. You can help by singing lots of nursery rhymes, modelling saying rhyming pairs and sharing books that have clear rhymes with your child.

If you would like to talk to us about anything, we will be available at the end of each session.

Thank you for your on going support,
Miss Davis, Mrs Medlock, Mrs Sabin and Mrs Fell.