



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break and that Santa brought you everything you wished for! Thank you for all your lovely wishes, gifts and donations, all gratefully received. This term our themes will be 'Winter Wonderland' where we will be exploring the magic of all things cold and frosty. We will also be learning all about the festival of Chinese New Year which this year is the year of the rabbit! This will be followed by the theme 'Once upon a time...' in which the children will be immersed into the wonderful world of traditional tales. We will be using the talk for writing approach to introduce the class to stories such as the *Little Red Hen, The Gingerbread Man* and several more. Hope you're sitting comfortably....

## Reading books and phoneme cards

- Please continue to read regularly with your child and to comment in the reading record book each time.
- New phonemes will be given out on Fridays until However from week 4 we will spend some time this term revisiting and embedding the digraphs and trigraphs already learnt so there will be no new phonemes coming home.
- Please ensure to keep your child's phoneme cards and reading book in their book bags at all times thank you.

## <u> Marvellous Me!</u>

Each week two children in the class will be chosen to bring home the marvellous me box. Please could you help your child choose 3 special things from home to put inside the box and bring to school on the following Friday or Monday to share with the class.

## Wow moments

We love sharing your child's achievements with the class. Feel free to record any special moments and upload them onto Seesaw. These may include any achievements that you feel proud of, for example, learning to ride a bike, getting dressed by themselves, being especially helpful... Dates for your diary...

Forest school :Tues 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Chinese New Year Banquet: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January.

## General Reminders...

Please ensure all belongings and clothing are named clearly, we have a growing pile of unnamed hats, gloves and scarves! Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day and that it is clearly labelled. These are kept in the classroom. Your child will have free access to these all day. As we are now well into winter your child will need a warm coat, hat, gloves and wellies as we will continue to spend much time learning outside. We hope that this letter has answered some of the questions you may have.

Thank you as always for all your support, The Early years Team