

Dear Parents/ Carers,

**Happy New Year!** Welcome back! The children have settled back into school well by having super attitudes towards school, remembering PE kits and book bags. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather. A coat that zips up, hat, scarfs and gloves. Along with sensible shoes. **No wellies please! These can be worn to school but must be changed. These are uncomfortable for the children to sit in all day and aren't warm.**

If you wish to talk to me, I am free at the end of the day to answer any questions or address any concerns.

Looking forward to another positive term with your children, making more memories together! 😊

Mrs Grady – Class teacher



## F2 Class Newsletter

January '24



### Important dates to remember:

Every Tuesday – Reading morning 8.40-8.50am

End of term – 9<sup>th</sup> February

Return to school – 19<sup>th</sup> February

Parents evening – 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March

### Kilometre Club

Join Mr Marks Tuesday-Friday

From 8.30 to run around the track!

Collect elastic bands to gain your 5KM badge!

### Our 'Book of the Week' list for this half term

Week 1 & 2 - Winter is here!

Week 3 & 4 – Robin's Winter song.

Week 5 – Little Red Riding Hood.

Chinese New Year and Shrove Tuesday.

In addition, we will be enjoying a range of fiction and non-fiction titles, songs and poems linked to the topic.

### PE is every Monday and Friday

Please make sure your child brings a PE kit on as soon as possible. This can stay in school.

- T-shirt, shorts, joggers, jumper, trainers – weather appropriate

Please label all items!

Our topic for this half term is

'Winter and cold lands'.

This is an 'Understanding the World' based topic. We will be learning about how we can keep safe and warm in winter, observing the changing weathers, through questioning and curiosity, and noticing different animals at this time of year and how their habitats change through migration and hibernation. Alongside this, we will be focusing on our emotions and feelings. We will be thinking how our bodies may feel in certain situations and how to act and regulate them accordingly. Through circle times, we will also be learning the importance of internet safety, how to keep ourselves and bodies safe and safety with medicine.

**Take time to talk** with your child about what they have learnt each day. This will help to develop their vocabulary and offer the children opportunities to practise using the new words they have learnt at school.

### Targets for this term

**Reading** – We are starting our phase 3 phonics this term. Practise these sounds by visiting 'Little Wandle' on Youtube. You will also receive more 'Bear words', remember to practise reading and writing them.

**Reading at home 4 times or more at home.**

**Remember to sign the diary!**

**Writing:** Use phonic skills to write CVC words (using new digraphs they have learnt) and simple sentences. Ask your child to read back what they have written. In F2, we write phonetically, so it doesn't have to be spelt correctly!

**Maths:** Recognising numbers (1-10) through subitising. 1 more/less. Number bonds to 5. Simple adding and subtraction facts. Doubling and sharing. Importance of 0.

**It is so important that your child is in school every day!**

**Children can come to school with a cough and a sneeze!**

Also, the school day is very busy! **The children need to be well rested and ready for the day ahead.**

- School opens from 8.40am. Learning time takes place from then, so please arrive on time! **Doors will close promptly at 8.45am.** Pick up time is 3.15pm
- Children age 4 and 5 need around 10 hours sleep. Please aim to have children in bed by 7.00-7.30. **If your child goes to bed past 8pm, they will be tired at school!**
- **Please limit screen time (iPads, switches, mobile phones and computers), these will keep your child awake at bedtime.**  
**Reading a bed time story is best!**