

# **TERM 2 NEWSLETTER**

## **YEAR R**

### Welcome back!

I hope you enjoyed the half term holidays and made the most of the weather.

### Topic:

This term we will be looking at people who help us. As part of this we will be looking at the emergency services, postal workers, people in school and health workers. We will have a number of visitors into school to talk about the work they do.

We will have a lot of roleplay based on our weekly focus and will be encouraging lots of problem solving and teamwork.

#### Literacy:

Our focus this term will be continuing to learn our sounds through Read Write Inc. As we continue to learn our sounds we will also be learning high frequency words such as and, the, on, sat etc. We will be working on our pencil control and learning to write our names independently. This term we will be reading a mixture of fiction and non-fiction texts which tie into our weekly focus.

You can help by reading every night – talk about the characters, the story, emotions and predict ideas. Please write in reading log when you read as children are awarded house points each day for reading at home.

#### Maths:

Our focus this term is to embed the basics of counting to 20 and beyond, name the 4 main 2D shapes (circle, square, rectangle and triangle) and describe them and using mathematical language when describing position and measure. This will be done through a lot of practical activities such as active maths in the hall.

#### PE:

We have been changing into plimsolls for PE lessons so far and will be moving onto changing fully by the end of the term. We do not have specific PE days as we have timetabled hall space Monday to Thursday. Therefore please ensure PE kit is in school all week.

#### **Christmas:**

We are also learning our Christmas Nativity. We have been learning some songs and once we know these we will begin to learn the script and practice on stage. Each child will be given a part – speaking and non-speaking will be available. We will let you know the cast list and dates for performances shortly.

As always please come and speak to me if you have any queries.