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Aim High

Never Give Up

Follow Your Dream

Lead By Example

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to give you another huge thank you for your continued support during our Ice Worlds theme. We are have been impressed with the level of the children's independence, maturity and politeness. We have explored the theme of Ice Worlds and the children have become confident in learning facts about places that are far different to our own. This letter will outline what we will be looking at for the next half term.

INTERGRATED CURRICULUM

Next half term, we will take part in a whole school theme centred on the text 'Alice in Wonderland'.

We will be looking at, and basing the learning around, a range of topics that relate to the story such as:

- Descriptive and imaginative writing
- Counting cookies
- Role Play and drama
- Dance
- Changing colours (colour mixing)

We will continue to incorporate your child's interests in to our planning so please let us know if your child has a new hobby or interest that we can all learn about!

HOME LEARNING

Home Learning has proved to be a huge success in Reception with some learning being truly outstanding. We would like to thank you for your support in any help you have given your child in their home learning. The children are proud to tell the Reception team of their efforts at home and this is reflected in their books. Just a small reminder that home learning is given to children on a **Wednesday** and is expected to be returned on or before the following **Tuesday**.

READ, WRITE, INC

We are starting to see some major progression in the children's reading and writing development. Children are starting to apply their Read, Write Inc. knowledge in other areas of learning (such as writing warning signs in the Role Play area). We value your efforts at home in helping children recognise their sounds and supporting your child with their reading books. For your information, reading books will start going home to all children on a weekly basis.

CORE LEARNING SKILLS

During the next half term our learning skills will focus on 'Developing a Sense of Self Worth'. Reception will focus on these 'I can' statements:

- I can appreciate simple similarities and differences between people in my immediate environment.
- I can share my beliefs with others
- I can be kind to other children.
- I can share knowledge about personal experience and belongings.

To support your child's learning you may wish to follow some of these learning skills at home.



ORBIT

Thank you to all parents who have successfully signed up to the Orbit website. Please remember that this is a two way programme which allows you to see our inputs in school and for you to upload any activities you do with your child at home. If you have not signed up to, or are having problems with accessing the website, please contact the Reception team. We look forward to reading the postcard information that you have uploaded from home!

PHYSICAL DEVELOPEMENT

Our PE sessions will now take place during **Wednesday** mornings. We continue to ask that you ensure a PE kit is in school at all times, which is clearly labelled with your child's name. It may be worth checking your children's clothes are still clearly labelled as this encourages the children to be independent and avoids any confusion. A reminder that jewellery is not permitted in school however stud earrings are acceptable if they are covered with plasters provided from home for PE lessons.

LOST PROPERTY

It is vital that all items of your child's clothing are named, including shoes. As personal items are difficult to recognise, it will enable members of the team to identify your child's clothing immediately. If unnamed items of clothing are found, they will be placed in the Lost Property box in the children's cloakroom.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Please check that the office has your correct e-mail address if you have chosen to receive any school correspondence such as newsletters electronically. Also check with your e-mail account that school emails are enabled and not being filtered into the spam folder.

Please continue to check the parents' notice board for additional information. We will happily give copies of this information to parents who are unable to pick up or drop off their child at school. If you wish to speak to members of the Reception Team, we will continue to be available from 8.45-8.55am and 3.15-3.25pm. For longer discussions please make an appointment at the office.

Thank you once again for your support throughout this half term.

Yours sincerely

The Reception Team

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Class Teacher

Miss Greenwood
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher

