



## **MONKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **Reception Class 2 — SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER**

Hello everyone and happy New Year!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and have made lots of special memories together.

This half term, our topic is 'Will you read me a story?' During this topic we will be leaning about the following traditional tales; Little Red Riding Hood, Hansel and Gretel, The Elves and the Shoemaker, Rapunzel and The Ugly Duckling.

We will be working hard to learn how to retell these stories, write character descriptions, paint story settings, use malleable materials to represent characters and much more!

As always, we will spend time exploring our natural environment and will use our school woodland to help bring our stories to life!

In the 4<sup>th</sup> week of this half term, we will be learning about Chinese New Year which will be celebrated on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January this year.

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, we are looking forward to inviting you into our classroom to participate in activities with your child as part of our first Stay and Learn session of the year.

Best Wishes,

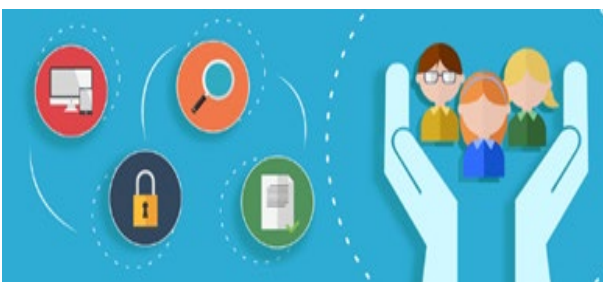
Miss Parkin, Miss Mullins and Mrs Dyson

#### **SAFEGUARDING LEADS AT MONKWOOD PRIMARY ARE:**

**Mrs Lee** - Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Ms Travis** – Trust Safeguarding Lead

**Ms Tyrrell** – Trust Safeguarding Lead



## **CLASS NEWS**

In Reception children follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS). At Monkwood, we use the EYFS to develop an exciting curriculum which enables children to develop a love of learning and encourages them to become curious about the world around them.

#### **Phonics**

We are over the moon with the progress that the children have made so far this year! Now that the children know many single letter friends and some diagraphs ('special friends') we are focusing on blending to read words.

Please support your child's development by encouraging them to engage in the online RWI lessons at home and reading at home as frequently as possible.

Your child will receive a Dojo for every time they read at home so please don't forget to write in their reading diary!

#### **English**

This half term, our topic is 'Will you read me a story?'

During this topic we will be learning about the following traditional tales; Little Red Riding Hood, Hansel and Gretel, The Elves and the Shoemaker, Rapunzel and The Ugly Duckling. These stories provide opportunities to create lots of descriptive writing and so the children will be learning to use adjectives to describe characters and story settings. Please support your child's development by using adjectives to describe objects in your home and to describe members of your family.

#### **Mathematics**

In maths, this half term, the children will be continuing to develop their subitising skills. They will also be continuing to learn to count forwards and backwards to and from 0 and 20. The children will focus on the composition of the numbers 5, 6 and 7. They will learn to compare sets and use language of comparison.

Please support your child's development at home by encouraging them to access Numbots. Playing games like dominos and snakes and ladders will also support their mathematical development.

#### **Wider Curriculum**

In our PSHE sessions, we will be learning about the importance of persevering to enable us to tackle challenges. We will be talking about our dreams and setting achievable goals for ourselves. We will learn about the steps we need to take to achieve our goals and celebrate the achievements of others! We would love to see photos of children achieving their goals outside of school.

In our PE sessions, our theme will be gymnastics and we will be learning to travel in different ways and control our bodies when moving. We will practise moving using different speeds and we will also practise balancing on beams.



### HOME LEARNING

Regular reading at home is really important and will help your child become a confident and fluent reader. Children need to read home at least three times a week, but every day is better! Please write down in their reading diary when they have read so we can award dojos for each time they have read at home.

### Class 2 Key Information

#### \*Friday - PE Day

Children can leave their PE kits in school and can be taken home every half term to be freshened up. Please ensure that all school uniform and PE kits are clearly named.

#### Everyday -

##### \*Reading book and book bag

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home as frequently as possible. Children will receive Dojo's for reading at home so please remember to write in their reading diary every time they read! Your child should bring their book bag to school on their designated reading day and every Friday.

##### \*Water bottles

Children need to bring a water bottle with their name on to school every day.

##### \*Wellies

Children should have a named pair of wellies in school at all times if possible.

Remember to keep an eye on the school website, Class Dojo and follow us on social media to keep up-to-date with the latest events and information.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform to school every day and that their uniform is clearly labelled.  
Thank you.

### Other Key Dates

#### Month

#### January

28.01.2025 FS2 Stay and Learn 8:45-10:00

POPS session to be confirmed ASAP.

#### February

14.02.2025 INSET Day – school closed to pupils

### This half terms well-being tip is:

Be active and get moving outside!