



## Early Years News Letter - Spring Term 1



Dear Parents / Carers,

### Welcome Back and a Happy New Year to all!

I would like to welcome you all back, Reception children and Parents. We hope you had a wonderful, enjoyable and safe Christmas. We would like to say "thank you" for the kind wishes, cards and presents received before Christmas.

This half term we are learning about 'The Jungle' and will focus our learning on the following stories; Rumble in the Jungle, Walking Through the Jungle and Monkey Puzzle. In Literacy we will be learning about rhyming patterns and writing our own stories. We will change the story 'Dear Zoo' in order to create our own story called 'Dear Jungle'. We will also be writing lists, simple captions and sentences plus learning about poems linked to the theme 'The Jungle'. In Mathematics we will be creating symmetrical butterflies as well as learning how to subtract, double and say one more than a given number. We will also investigate weight and capacity. In Understanding the World we will be learning about adult and baby animals and will be taking a trip to Chester Zoo on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February (letter to follow). During our visit we will be searching for the animals that you may find in the jungle. We have an animal encountered workshop booked based on curious creatures.

Other...

- To enhance and develop reading at home, the amount of times a child reads at home will be monitored from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. If your child reads 3 times or more each week they will be entered into a lucky draw to win the chance of taking home our new story sack for a week which includes a book as well as various games and activities. The children love this idea and are very enthusiastic about taking the story sack home. Good luck everyone!
- Library continues to be on a Friday. Please return your child's library book each week so they can choose a new one.
- Homework includes star moments and home link books, the children love sharing theirs with the class on a Tuesday.
- P.E. is on a Wednesday and a Thursday. No earrings are to be worn and hair must be tied back.
- All clothing needs to be labelled including Wellington boots and coats.
- We are now welcoming the children into school from 8.45am.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Owen and Mrs Sankey