

# Reception Newsletter



January 2018



Happy New Year!

## Clothing

Please continue to ensure that all items of clothing and footwear are clearly labelled with your child's name. This will prevent them from getting lost or mixed up with other children's clothes. Any lost property will be put in a box in the staffroom.

## P.E Kit

PE will continue to take place on a Wednesday afternoon, if your child wears earrings they will need to be removed or tape should be provided. Please continue to name all items of clothing including footwear.



## Outdoor Area

The outdoor area is very popular and we go out in all weathers. Please ensure your child brings a warm coat every day. Named hats, gloves and scarves can be worn in cold weather.



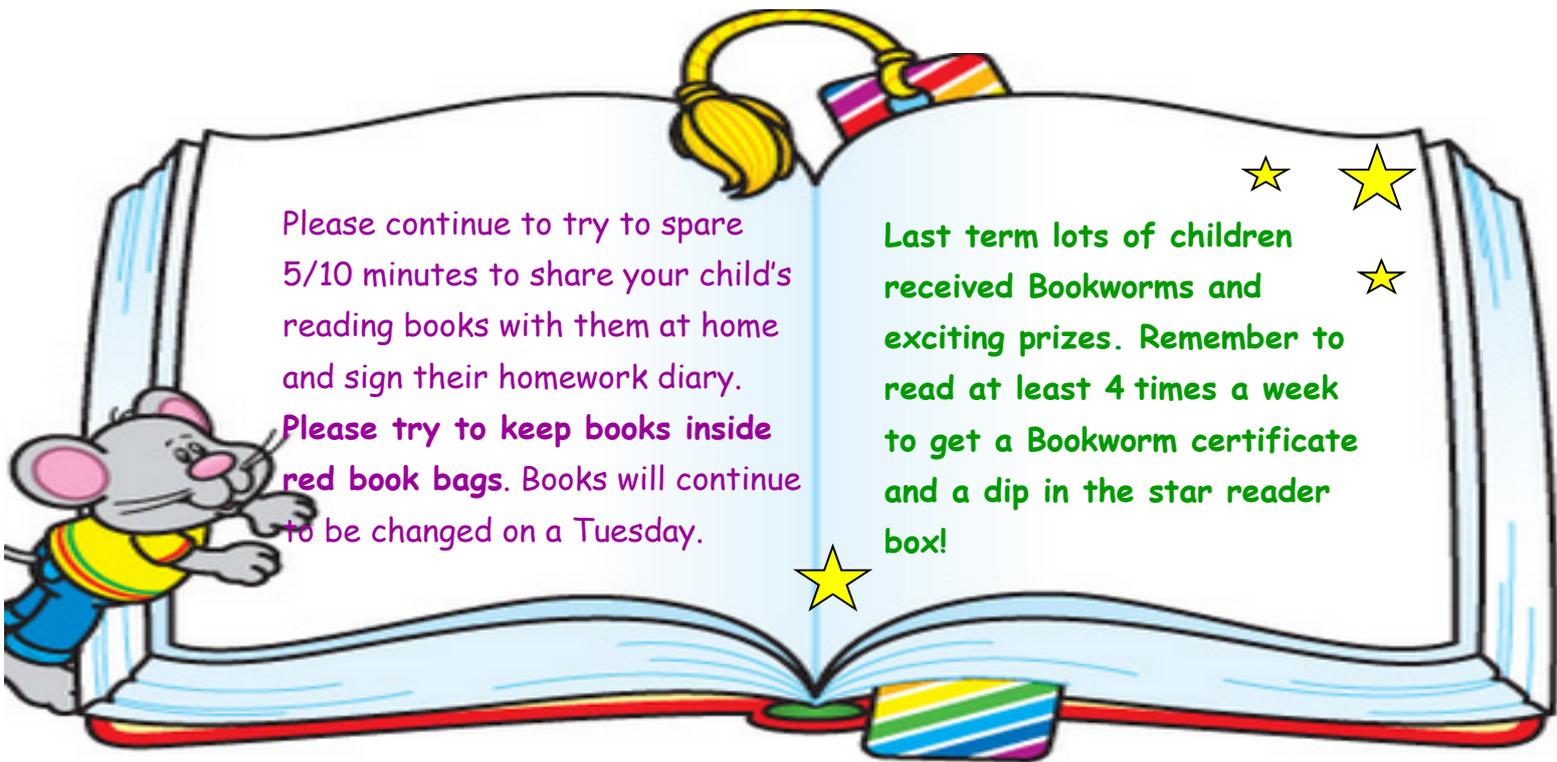
## Reading and Word Wallets

So many of you are working really hard at home to encourage your child to read. Practise makes perfect!

Red bags should be brought to school each morning to protect any letters or forms handed to the children during the day. Please try to keep books inside the red book bags. If you are unsure of anything sent home, please do not hesitate to ask.

Please continue to try to spare 5/10 minutes to share your child's reading books with them at home and sign their homework diary. Please try to keep books inside red book bags. Books will continue to be changed on a Tuesday.

Last term lots of children received Bookworms and exciting prizes. Remember to read at least 4 times a week to get a Bookworm certificate and a dip in the star reader box!



## Water

All children require a **named** water bottle (in addition to those in a packed lunch) for access during the day. These should contain water and should be taken home every evening to be rinsed and refilled.



### Topics



This term our first exciting topic will be 'Under the Sea and Pirates', we will be reading the Rainbow fish and learning about the fascinating creatures that live under the sea. As well as, exploring waterproof materials and floating and sinking as well as making treasure maps. We will be writing messages in a bottle and creating pirate stories. We will design and create pirate flags and sing sea shanties.

Our second topic will be 'space', we will be learning about our solar system, making rockets, planets, moon buggies and aliens. We will read different stories including: Aliens Love Underpants, Q-Pootle and Whatever Next and do lots of English work based around these books.

*If you have any books or resources linked to our topic please encourage your child to learn and explore at home and share their work with their classmates.*

Topics are very flexible and change according to the children's interests.

### **Gold Write**

**After half term**, every fortnight or so, the children will participate in a gold write. This will take place when the children are ready and will be a celebration of the weeks work e.g. stories, poems, instructions, recounts etc. Children will do a piece of extended writing and have a chance to share their ideas and work with their friends and teachers. Some children will participate orally until they are ready to write.

Big write homework will be given the night before - this is '**talking**' homework. The homework is a chance to discuss and share ideas with your child and can be done anywhere, anytime. Any amount of time can be spent on it, and if you wish, notes or pictures can be made on the sheet.



Our building shed has been extremely popular and we are in need of some items to replenish it so we can continue the fun!

We are in need of clean; **boxes, cartons, plastic bottles, ice cream tubs, plastic milk bottles, yoghurt pots, tubes** (not toilet roll tubes) as well as, natural objects such as pine cones, conkers, acorns, twigs, willow balls, pebbles, stones etc.

Any donations of these would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you ever have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at school. Feel free to pop in anytime before or after school.

If I need to give you any further information I will send an additional letter.

Thank you for your support.

Class Teacher : Miss Gales

Head Teacher: Mr Smith

Class Support : Miss Liddell, Miss Brace

Class Support (am) : Miss Cottle