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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below details of the work that your child's class will be doing during this term. I have also suggested ways in which you can help your child at home. Included with this information you will also find details of what we will do if the class will need to close due to new covid rules or staff shortages.

Thank you for your support,

Class: Reception

Term: Spring

Theme: Let's Explore

Main areas of study:	<p>Mrs Evans, Mrs Maher, Mrs Bird and all the staff within the Reception Class wish you all a Happy New Year. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back after the Christmas Holidays. This term we will be beginning a new topic called 'Let's Explore'. This topic will give us the opportunity to explore the World around us. We will begin this exiting topic by looking at the changes in our environment over the Winter months. We will also take this opportunity to look at light and dark, nocturnal animals and light sources. Our learning will be linked to familiar stories such as Owl Babies and Can't you Sleep Little Bear by Martin Waddell.</p> <p>Later in the term we will be exploring water and its properties. The children will be participating in activities such as designing an item of clothing to keep Teddy dry and explore what plants need to grow. As we approach Spring, we</p>
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	<p>will be looking at the changes from one season to another. This term also naturally lends itself to many celebrations such as Santes Dwywnwen, Chinese New Year, St David's Day and Easter.</p> <p>In mathematics, the children will be comparing and composing numbers to 10 and beginning to learn number bonds to 10. We will also be exploring capacity, length, 3D shapes and patterns. Where appropriate we will be linking our learning to our topic such as measuring plants, rainfall and creating models using 3D shapes.</p> <p>We will continue to follow our Read Write Inc scheme that allows children to develop their phonological awareness and understanding of sounds to help develop their reading and writing skills. We will also begin to introduce the 45 high frequency words such as: the, at, and etc. Your child will continue reading on their designated reading day, so please continue to only send their books in on this day.</p>
Ways in which you can help at home:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to send any interesting objects to school (not valuable items, please).</li> <li>▪ Please listen to your child reading at home every night and return their book on their designated reading day (a Reading Diary is provided for you to make comments).</li> <li>▪ In your child's reading folder you will find Oxford Reading Tree character flash cards to help your children familiarise themselves with the characters.</li> <li>▪ We will be shortly sending home the 45 High Frequency Words that we hope that your child will learn during their time in Reception. If you feel your child is ready then please introduce a word from this list in a fun and playful way. Remember to send pictures via class dojo.</li> <li>▪ Visit the local library to choose books relevant to topics being studied at school.</li> </ul>

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What will happen if the class has to close due to Covid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ We hope that this does not happen however, we are confident that if it does then we have activities for you to complete with your children at home. If the class has to close, you will be informed via Mr Thompson. We will also contact you via class dojo with fun activities that can be completed at home. We aim to always bear in mind the resources you have at home. We will always plan our activities based around a well-read book that is accessible on YouTube. We also aim to read and record a version from a familiar face telling the story. As a result, all activities will then be based around the story, and we will ask that you send us photos/work through to class dojo so we can see all your great progress taking place.</li></ul>
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