



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Thank you all for our Christmas cards and presents - it was incredibly kind of you!

### **Teaching and Learning**

The children worked so hard in the autumn term, and we are incredibly proud of them all! Our project this half term is a history topic on travel and transport. Our key enquiry question is: "Which is better, a helicopter or a horse?" We will be learning how transport has changed over time, exploring inventors and air/land/water transport. Thank you to those of you who offered to help with our topic - I will be in touch shortly to organise something for the coming term! We are looking forward to our trip to Aerozone Stansted on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

### **Class Dojo and Tapestry**

We will continue to use Class Dojo to share our learning as well as any important updates. Please ensure any changes to going home arrangements or urgent messages go through the office. Tapestry has undergone some changes recently to adhere to the new EYFS Framework (September 2020) so we will be kick-starting this to build online learning journals for the children in Reception. Any contributions from home will enable us to add to the children's learning journeys and their Early Years profiles too.

### **SMART work**

We will check the children's Magical Maths, Sounds and High Frequency Word targets on a fortnightly basis and will record progress/next steps in their SMART books. Please can you ensure children keep their SMART pack in their bookbag so that we can access them in school. If you need any help or guidance with these, please just pop in or send us a message. Please don't forget to keep logging onto Doodle Maths and Reading Eggs too because these apps are brilliant and make such a difference!

### **Reading**

The children will continue to bring phonetic reading books home to read with you. Please continue to write any comments regarding your child's reading in your child's reading diary - I have attached a document with comment prompts which might be helpful. We are reading with the children regularly at school to assess their progress and will change books accordingly.

### **Show and Tell**

We are more than happy to make time for show and tell of things the children have done at home i.e. SMART learning, achievements or interesting adventures linked to our topic, but please do not allow your child to bring toys in to school. We have lots of different things being brought in and they can be very distracting during the day as the children just want to play with them.

Don't forget, if you ever have any problems or queries, please feel free to pop in and see us at any time.

Miss Wilson and the rest of the team ☺

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