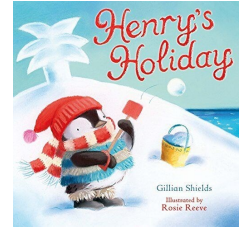




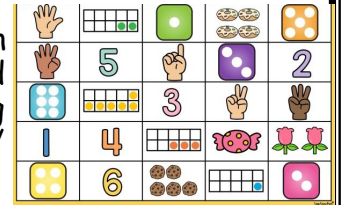
## Reception Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024



### Our Learning — Winter Wonderland

- Our KIRF (Key Instant Recall Facts) for this half term is to be able to count forwards and backwards between 0 and 10, starting at different numbers.  
E.g. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.  
7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0.
- Our focus story this week has been Henry's Holiday by Gillian Shields. It is a beautiful tale about a little penguin who leaves home to find a warmer place. He soon realised that he misses his friends and his Mummy!
- In maths this week, we have been continuing our work around 'Alive in 5'. We have looked how numbers are represented in different ways and have explored 1 more and 1 less. The children are really enjoying Subitising to 5. Have a look at Jack Hartmann on YouTube ...[https://youtu.be/PSIA-u\\_ABmU](https://youtu.be/PSIA-u_ABmU)



### Next Week's Learning:

Next week will be the final week of our Winter Wonderland unit of work. We will be learning about the Aurora Borealis (AKA The Northern Lights!) and looking at the painting by Frederic Edwin Church. We will be painting our own Aurora landscape, whilst exploring how we can create different shades by adding black or white to our paint.

**Forest School Kit:** Please ensure that your child has full kit each Wednesday, **including wellies**. It can be very cold out in the forest, so it is vital that they have appropriate clothing. Unfortunately, if your child does not have the correct kit, they will not be able to take part.

**Gloves and Mittens:** Please help your child to learn how to put on their gloves independently. We have set them a challenge! It would also be helpful if they were named and attached to a long string!

**Snacks and Break Sale** We provide fruit every day during morning break. If your child brings a snack from home, it must be fruit or a cereal bar. Please do not send anything containing nuts or chocolate. Please also be conscious of the sugar content as it can have a negative impact on behaviour and learning. The children have lunch at 11.45am so only a small snack is necessary.

**Lip Balms and Hand Creams:** If your child is suffering with extremely dry skin and/or lips, then we are more than happy for them to bring lip balm and/or hand cream to school. Lip balms must be the kind that you would buy from the chemist and not a child's play lip gloss/balm. Any items **MUST** be named. Children are not permitted to share.



### **\*\*Special Event\*\* Superhero Day!**

On Tuesday 30th January, we will be launching our Superhero topic by hosting a dressing-up day. We would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as a superhero. Please don't feel pressured to buy anything new. Be creative with things that you already have! Please let us know if you need any help with

the costume as we have a small number of items in school. We will be naming our Superhero characters and will be sharing our secret powers with the other children.

Please see the next page for a list of upcoming events and important dates.



- Tuesday 30th January:** Superhero Dress-Up Day.
- Friday 2nd February:** Reception Open Session in the school hall. (approx. 9.10am start until 9.45am).
- Tuesday 6th February:** Chinese New Year celebration with Pre-School.
- Friday 9th February:** Last Day of Term.  
Cake Sale after school, hosted by Y3/4.
- Monday 19th February:** Back to school.
- Friday 1st March:** Class photographs.
- Wednesday 6th March:** Dinosaur Day (more information to follow).
- Thursday 7th March:** World Book Day
- Friday 8th March:** Reception Open Session in the school hall.
- Friday 22nd March:** Last day of term.  
Cake sale after school, hosted by Y5.
- Monday 8th April:** Back to school.
- Friday 26th April:** Reception class assembly (am)  
Cake Sale after school, hosted by Reception.
- Monday 6th May:** Bank Holiday.
- Friday 10th May:** Reception Open Session.
- Friday 24th May:** Last Day of term.  
Cake sale after school, hosted by Y1.
- Monday 3rd June:** INSET day. School closed to children.
- Tuesday 4th June:** Children return to school.

**Enjoy your weekend!**

**Mrs Higgins, Mr Hawkins, Mrs Anthony and Mrs Bailey.**