



January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

**SPRING TERM 2024**

Welcome back to a new and exciting term. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and look forward to a happy and eventful new year.

**Our Topics**

Work in F2 this term will be based around the themes of winter, Cold Places and Traditional Stories. In the first half term we will be thinking about the winter weather and finding out about animals that live in the colder regions of the world. In the second half term we will be focusing on reading and writing stories and thinking about how we can become amazing storytellers! We will enjoy the stories of 'The Gruffalo', 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'We're going on an Egg Hunt'. We will be learning new songs and rhymes to support our topic learning. To immerse the children into their learning, we will be watching the Hansel and Gretel performance in school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, going on a winter walk around school and we are hoping to visit Perlethorpe Education Centre to take part in a Traditional Tales workshop. We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

**Festivals, Seasons and Traditions**

Chinese New Year falls on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February, we will be celebrating the festival week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> February, the children will be trying Chinese food, making lanterns and a dragon head. We will be going on a Chinese New Year Parade around school. This term we will also be celebrating the spring festivals of Mother's Day, look out for an invitation to our Mother's Day Café and Easter, where the bunny will leave lots of chocolate eggs for the children!

Underpinning this learning will be all the new skills we are developing. We are continuing to develop fine motor skills which enhance our pencil control and writing. We are excited to continue to learn Phase 3 phonics sounds and spend more time applying our phonics skills to independent reading and writing tasks. This term we will be introducing 'challenges' for the children to complete throughout the week. These challenges will encourage children to independently explore different areas of learning and consolidate new skills and knowledge.

**Book bags and Reading Diaries**

We really appreciate all of the support you are giving your child with their reading at home - we know what a difference this makes. Keep on practising those tricky words and encouraging your child to practise the sound sheets we place in their reading diaries.

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### **Reading Volunteers**

Just a reminder that if you have a spare hour or two in your week, we would love to have you come and read with our children - your support would be greatly appreciated. The more children read, the more progress they make! We would like to say a big thank you to the volunteers who are already reading with the children in school - you are making a most valuable contribution to our children's progress.

### **Milk Money**

As your child turns five you will need to pay for milk each term. Please ask at the office for details.

Finally, we would really like the children to participate in food preparation sessions across the term and will be collecting voluntary £5.00 activity money to buy ingredients. We will be collecting your voluntary contributions at the classroom doors. We really appreciate your contributions.

Please come and see us if you have any questions or concerns. It is best to catch us after rather than before school. You can also message us on class dojo.

We are looking forward to a busy and celebratory spring term!

Yours sincerely,

The F2 team