



9th January 2026

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and are looking forward to the new term. We would like to thank you for the incredibly kind cards and gifts we received at the end of term. Thank you!

Our topic this half term is '*Frozen Adventures*'. This topic will provide opportunities for lots of cross curricular learning which will be informed by the children's interests. Overleaf you will find our topic web which provides details on the knowledge and skills the children will develop this half term.

Reading

Just as we did in the Autumn term, we will be following the Little Wandle programme to support children's phonic learning and reading development. The key to the success of this programme is regular practise. At the start of the week, your child is given a new reading book which they read with an adult. Then throughout the week we will revisit the book a number of times, focusing on fluency, prosody and comprehension. To help them make the best progress possible they also need to be reading this same book at home at least three times during the week. By the time they return the book to school they should be reading with greater fluency and with less hesitation, including expression. We understand that the children are tired but a few pages a night can make a real difference. Children who read regularly at home have the best chance at achieving their potential. If you misplace the book and are unable to find it, you will be asked to either replace the book or provide a £5 contribution towards its replacement. If you need any more support on hearing your child read than please speak to your child's class teacher and use the reading comment box on your child's home learning sheet to record successes or misconceptions.

Clothing

We would be very grateful if you could check the labels in all of your child's school uniform, including PE kit. I am sure there will be some very grateful parents if we could reunite the clothing with the right owner! Please make sure all children's clothes are **named** including shoes, coats, PE kits and hats as this helps with reuniting missing items.

P.E Reminder

We will be taking part in the schools' cross-country event and will start practising for this soon. Please provide your child with a pair of trainers (not plimsolls) for this and a plain dark blue or black tracksuit (in line with uniform policy) which they can wear for outside PE throughout this term. For children who wear tights, socks should also be put into P.E bags if tights are worn during the day. Extra socks in the P.E bag would be beneficial for all as our cross-country running can be a little muddy and wet!

Snacks

Another quick reminder that snacks are to only include fruit or vegetables and water bottles to only include water. Unfortunately, we cannot allow the children to eat or drink anything else; this includes yoghurt coated fruit, breadsticks, dips, cheese, cake bars, yoghurt and squash.

Year R Wishlist:

Lastly, If you find that you own any of the following items and you are not in need of them anymore, or you are in a position to make a donation, we would be very grateful for the following:

- Art materials- paint, collage materials, masking tape, sellotape rolls
- Boxes of tissues
- Lego
- Children's magazines
- Baby dolls and dolls sized clothes
- Age appropriate puzzles or games
- Toy cars
- Bottle tops
- Junk modelling (please ensure that containers have not previously contained nuts)
- Unwanted oil cloth or wipeable table cloths
- Age 5-6 pants and socks

We have been delighted with the progress the children have made in their first term and we look forward to seeing them flourish as the year progresses. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time during the year if you have any queries or require any information or clarification.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Everard, Miss Leppard, Mrs Peers and the Year R Team 😊

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