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I just wanted to take this opportunity to say hello and happy New Year to you all. PE will still remain on a Wednesday morning, so your child will need to be **dressed** for PE **on arrival** with their school clothes in a separate labelled bag ready for them to change back into after PE.

People Who Help Us

This week the children have started their new topic about 'People Who Help Us'. We began the week focusing who we already know who helps us and how. We continued into the week learning more about people who help us when we are sick (Dr's, nurses, paramedics etc.). We are continuing this topic for the remainder of this half term looking at different professions of people who help us in the past and present. We will also have some visitors in from these professions.

Reading and Phonics

Please continue to send in your child with their book bags daily so they can be changed and heard by their teachers. Do ensure you are reading at **least 5mins a day** with your child, this can include phonics-based activities from Phonics Shed. You will need to write/sign their reading diary to notify us of their progress at home. If you need the passwords again, let me know. You will be invited into school to join us for a Book Breakfast soon, we will send a letter home closer to the time.

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Maths

Over the next term we will be focusing on capacity and numbers within 10. We will be learning to count, order and compare within these amounts. Please continue to practise recognising numbers whilst out and about and counting anything and everything.

How to help your child at home

- Please continue reading and practising their words daily with your child that are written in their reading diary. Asking your child lots of questions about the book they have read or hear being read to them to encourage their developing reading skills. Also, to use Phonics Shed to help support this.
- Support counting and number recognition at every opportunity. This could be done at mealtimes, climbing up/downstairs, when shopping or simply playing with toys. Also, discussing objects shape and size, comparing other objects such as boxes at home or when handing dinner more/less amounts etc.
- Playing with your child is a big factor in their education, developing their communication and language skills which is essential to all aspects of learning and life. Especially board games, card games or roleplay can have positive impacts on their education.
- Developing their independence is not also great for the children but us adults too! If the children can put their own coats on with zip done and shoes this is a big-time saver.

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Cold weather

With the weather being extremely cold, please can you ensure you send in your child with a warm hooded coat with gloves and a hat. Even in the cold and wet weather the reception children still access the outdoor learning, so it is essential they are wrapped up warm.

Attached to this letter is the learning that we will cover for this term. This allows you to see what child will be learning and help support them at home with this.

Also, please keep talking to your child about their learning, if you are unsure what they have been doing at school you can always look at the school blog to help you.

Lastly, I would like to say if you need anything than please feel free to come and have a chat with us regarding this, as we are happy to help.

Kind regards,

Miss Coghlan
(Class teacher)