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**CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 1 RECEPTION MISS REYNOLDS AND THE RECEPTION TEAM**

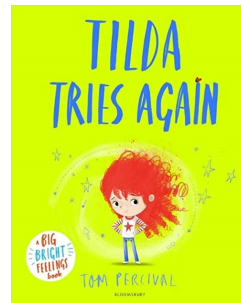
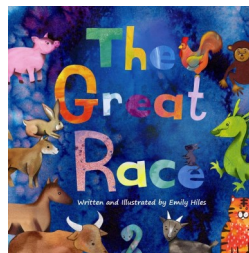
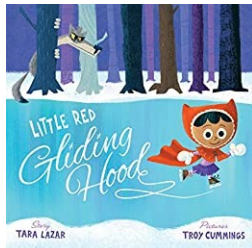
**'The Big Freeze!'**

Throughout this half term our topic will be centred around the theme of 'The Big Freeze' where we will investigate the changing seasons, learn about arctic and polar animals and explore freezing and melting. We will explore these themes through our lessons, activities and our classroom provision. We will also learn about events such as Chinese New Year, Internet Safety Week and Valentine's Day.

We will be learning about concepts in Mathematics such as number, length and capacity, we love to take practical approaches to explore these ourselves!

We are continuing our Little Wandle Phonics journey. It is brilliant to see how keen the children are to write when they are exploring our provision and their reading and writing is improving each day as they grow in confidence.

We enjoy reading lots of books! Here are some of the brilliant books we will enjoy this half term:



**Mathematical Development**  
 We are learning...

- Capacity/mass
- Number
- Height/length

**The World**  
 We are learning...

- Floating/sinking
- Recycling
- Ice exploration

**Expressive Arts & Design**  
 We are learning...

- Music/singing
- Creating Valentine's Day cards
- Designing, drawing and creating

**Useful Information:**

**Labelling**— Please ensure that all items of clothing, book bags and water bottles have a name label.

**Reading**—Please continue to bring in your child's reading book and reading record into school every day as we use them to read with the children in school.

**PE—Kit must be:**

Either our school shorts available on our website or plain black PE shorts.

Either our PE t-shirt available on our website or a plain white t-shirt.

We will send PE kits home at the end of each half term to be washed.

**Homework**— Homework will be sent out on a Friday. This may be an activity to do in homework books or uploaded onto Tapestry. Please return homework by the following Tuesday.

**Online Resources:**



**Tapestry**— Please continue to share any learning and experiences from home with us via Tapestry. We will post what we have been doing in school for you to see too!

**Little Wandle**—<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

**Needed:**

We welcome any materials for the children to use in our creative area, eg plain boxes, ribbon, fabric etc.

