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CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 1 RECEPTION MRS FERGUSON AND THE RECEPTION TEAM

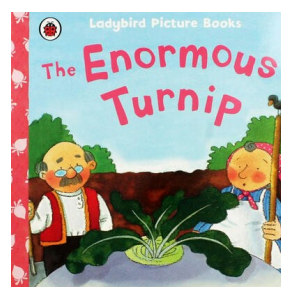
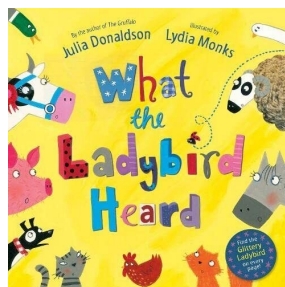
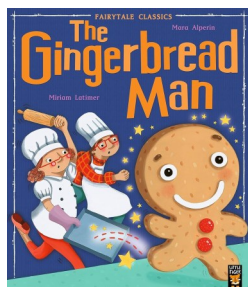
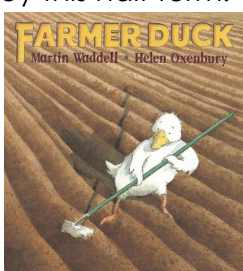
### 'The Big Freeze!'

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 using resources within our learning environment!

We will be 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 and Time

**Understanding 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:

##### What can you do to help your child?

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

##### What does your child need to bring to school?

Each day your child will need to bring their book bag and a water bottle. PE will take place indoors on a Thursday this term, so Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school before then. This will be kept in school until the end of term.

##### PE Kit:

Plain shorts  
 Plain t-shirt  
 Trainers (in case of outside lessons).  
 Each child will also need a pair of wellies at school.

**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!

**Reminder**— If your child wears earrings they must be able to remove them themselves in order to take part in PE lessons.

**Needed:** We welcome any recycling that we can use in our creative area.

**Clubs:** Please see the school newsletter.

