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EYFS Newsletter



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Newsletter – 4/01/23

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year and that the children have had a good rest, so that they are ready for all the exciting things that are ahead of them this half term. We are beginning with a two week topic on Winter.

Our crucial knowledge this week is:

- In Winter it is dark because the sun rises later and also sets earlier.
- In Winter it can be cold, icy, frosty and snow.
- Winter is December, January and February



Some of the activities the children will be exploring this week:

Funky Fingers – can you build a snowflake? Making a snowflake using a range of small materials

Maths – comparing numbers 1-5. Which one has more? Less?

Expressive Arts and Design – can you draw a snowflake? Follow the picture instructions to draw a snowflake

Literacy – write about what you can see on the Winter picture

Role Play – bringing in the New Year with a party

Mystery Readers

At Bursley Academy, we strive to foster a love of reading both in school and at home. We are hoping this year to continue with our highly successful and enjoyable 'Mystery Readers'. The aim of "Mystery Readers" is to show children that adults love reading too so we would like to invite parents, grandparents or other family members to come into their child's class to read a children's story. This could be a book that you particularly enjoyed reading when you were growing up or a current children's book brought from home, or selected from the school library.

We are inviting mystery readers into our classrooms to **spend 15-30 minutes sharing books** with the class or with a small groups of children. *In order for the class to gain the full impact and excitement of the mystery reader experience, please keep it a secret and hence a mystery, even from your own child!*

We appreciate how tricky it can be to take time off from work, we would like this to happen on Friday afternoons from 2:50pm, if you are unable to do this due to work commitments but would like to take part, then you could send us a video of you reading a book and we can share it with the class.

Please email eyfs@bursley.staffs.sch.uk if you are interested and we can arrange a suitable date. We are extremely grateful!



This Weeks Book Recommendations

Why not read the book *The Gruffalo's Child* by Julia Donaldson. You can watch the story being told on Youtube.

Come and Learn With Me

We would love to invite you into school to **come and learn with your child**. This will take place in the mornings as then you can take part in phonics and maths sessions with us. We will run this over a few weeks, so that there are different dates to choose from. This will be **one adult per child** to be able to accommodate everyone.

Thank you all for your kind cards and presents at Christmas it is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU

A letter will come out at the end of the week to choose your date, please do not worry if you can't make it, we will have other opportunities for you to join us throughout the year.

If you have any questions, please email EYFS@bursley.staffs.sch.uk
Many thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Green and Miss Fallows ☺