



Year R News Letter

January 2024

Happy New Year!

Thank you for all of our Christmas cards and presents.



Many of you will be aware that Miss Merrick was involved in a car accident last week on her way to work. She has broken her wrist, two fingers and her nose and is badly bruised and her lovely little mini is a write off. Miss Merrick has sent this message; "Thank you so much for all the kind messages. I am doing well and cannot wait to get back to school to see you all." ❤️

What are we learning about?



We have begun the New Year with Princesses, Knights and Castles. In maths we are looking at 2D and 3D shapes, making castle pictures and models. Following on



from this we are going to be zooming into space but also learning about Earth. For more information please see the parental overview we email out for each project.

Please check that your child's jumpers and cardigans have their names in. This makes it so much easier to ensure that they don't get lost. Thank you.



Junk Model Plea



On Thursday this week we will be having a junk modelling day. The children will be working in pairs to create a castle. Donations of large and small boxes, tubes, tubs etc would be greatly appreciated. Please avoid any packaging that would have contained nuts, fresh eggs or medicines. Thank you so much!

Spare pants, socks and tights
If we have lend your child school pants or socks please could you wash and return them.
We currently have nothing left in our cupboards for when children have accidents. We are also always very grateful to receive hand me down



underwear when your child has grown out of them!

Thanks



READING



We have noticed a huge improvement in the progress of the children who have been reading at home. Thank you and please keep it up! As you know as part of our Home reading initiative we track home school reading data and record how frequently the children are reading their school books at home. It is fabulous to see children wearing their orange badges with pride. Most children are now working towards their red badge. If you need any support or advice with your home reading then please come and talk to us.



LIBRARY BOOKS

We normally change our library books on a Thursday but it is helpful if the children keep them in their bookbags all week in case we have to visit on a different day.

House groups

We will shortly be introducing the children to their House Groups. If they have an older sibling in school then they will be in the same house. We have four houses - Green—Belfast, Blue - Edinburgh, Yellow—Cardiff and Red - London. The children can be awarded a house point for a variety of reasons and will also get a sticker to celebrate it! On sports day they are asked to dress in their colour so it may be worth investing in a T shirt (that will last a few years!)



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Friday 9th February—Break up for half term Monday 19th February - Return to school

THANK YOU

And finally a massive THANK YOU to all families who worked with their children on their phonics skills over the Christmas holidays. We really noticed a huge difference and this means we were able to hit the ground running in January and move the children on with their learning. We really appreciate the effort this will have taken in the busy holiday period.

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