

### Messages:

Dear pupils, parents and carers,

We do hope you have had a restful and enjoyable half term. We are looking forward to another exciting half term ahead.

At our Nursery we have children who have serious food allergies. Please do not put any food, sweets or snacks in your child's pocket or bag as the children could share it with their friends which could cause other children to become very ill.

Please remember to put your child's name in clothing, shoes and belongings.

We do ask children to wear their coats and put their hoods up if it is raining. If your child's coat does not have a hood, please send them wearing a hat so that they can enjoy their outdoor time to the full.

Please help your child to practise putting on and taking off their own shoes at home. We are very pleased to say that most children are now able to put on their own coats and swap shoes independently (Velcro shoes are recommended, please!): [What an achievement!](#)

**Please bring your child's reading diary in every Tuesday!**

### What are we learning in the Nursery this term?

This term our theme is "Winter Festivals – Let's celebrate!"

### Reading: Reading with your child

Sharing a book with a child is fun! It's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together – and it can also give children a flying start in life and help them become lifelong readers.

Spending 10 minutes a day reading to your child helps them develop social and emotional skills and become confident, happy learners.

Just ten minutes shared reading a day can help your child grow into a happy, confident learner - and it's also loads of fun!

#### Top tips for reading together

- Find somewhere quiet away from noise, TV and mobile phones.
- Cuddle up together or get brothers and sisters to join in and enjoy stories and rhymes together.
- Make animal noises or sound effects – these help to bring the story to life and will make you both laugh!

Ask questions when you're reading together such as:

'What can you see on this page?'

'How do you think the characters feel?'

- Try asking your child to tell or retell the story.

They can 'read' the pictures to you and talk about what's happening on the page.

- If you feel comfortable, try making funny faces or using character voices – these always make children giggle!

Look at the pictures and start talking about them:

Can you find a dinosaur or a rabbit? What else can you see? How many bananas are there?

What games are the children playing?

*Thank you for your help and support*