#### **Happy New Year!**

We hope that you had a lovely Christmas and wish you all well for the New Year. We would also like to say thank you for all our lovely gifts. We all had a wonderful Autumn Term and are looking forward to a busy and exciting Spring Term.

### **Spring 1- Going Global**

- Australia
- Africa
- India
- France
- China

Activities will include finding out what these places are like, who/what lives there, culture/food/artwork relating to each country.

We also have STEM week before the half term holiday.

#### **Spring 2- Space and Inventions**

- Space and rockets
- Planets
- Aliens
- · Travelling in different ways
- How can we make things move

#### **Phonics**



- We assess the children at regular intervals and change phonics groups accordingly.
- Most of the children are now working on Phase 3 sounds.
- The sessions will also be focusing on learning tricky words.

# Reading



- The children will be taking home two books each week
- Please write in the diary whenever your child reads with you
- Return books to school every day
- Books will not be changed if they have not been read
- We will also continue to hear the children read at school

#### **Maths**



- Counting, ordering and reciting numbers to 20 and beyond.
- Ordinal numbers
- Estimating
- Sorting, describing and naming shapes
- Symmetry
- Repeating patterns
- Addition/subtraction
- Weight
- · Money and time

#### **Physical development**

- PE is on Monday and Friday
- Spring 1- Gymnastics
- Spring 2- Dance

#### Writing

- Handwriting patterns and letters
- Writing different thingscaptions, labels, postcards, news
- Writing with an adult and as part of role play and independent learning



# Reiminder-Water Bottles, Snack, Milk and Lunch

 Please can you make sure your child has a clearly named water bottle in class everyday.



- If they bring a packed lunch into school they also need a drink with it.
- During the morning session each child has milk and a piece of fruit or a vegetable for their snack.
- If you would also like to give your child some vegetables or fruit to eat at playtime, please make sure this is put int their book bags.



#### **Library Books**

- YR library day continues to be Tuesday
- Books borrowed from school must be returned the following week.
- We apologise that library sessions were interrupted last term due to Nativity rehearsalswe should be running as normal now.

# **Home learning and Show and Tell**

- We will continue to send home learning tasks which you may wish to do at home. We always look at these if they are brought into school.
- We welcome Show and Tell items linked to our current topics.

If you have any questions- please ask. We will always be happy to help.

# Cheddington Combined School Reception Class



Spring Term Newsletter
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