

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

We hope that you and your children are well rested after a very soggy October half term! We have lots of exciting things planned for this half term and we would like to invite you in for our new, weekly parent drop in - '**Welcome Wednesdays.**' Each Wednesday morning you will be able to stay with your child and explore the provision for 10-15 minutes. We can't wait to see you every Wednesday morning!

Thank you,

Year R Team

<b>Autumn 2 in Year R</b>				
<b>Our topic is: Winter Wonderland</b>				
<b>Literacy</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>Phonics</b>	<b>Thrive</b>	<b>PE</b>
We are continuing exploring mark making by writing instructions for pumpkin soup, making invitations and of course, writing a letter to Father Christmas!	We are continuing to explore the provision in our environment as well as looking at the similarities and differences of 2D shapes, one more and one less up to 20 and thinking about the time that we do different activities such as sleeping or going to school.	We have started our new phonics scheme - Floppy's Phonics! The children are really enjoying it and we have started level 2. Please look out for the sheets with the sound of the day on at the end of each day. It will really help your child if you practise these at home. So far this half term, we have done: j, w, v, x, y and z. We will be starting digraphs (two letters that make one sound) very soon!	We are thinking about Celebrations and how we celebrate with our families. We have found out that lots of us celebrate in different ways. If you celebrate Diwali, Hanukkah or Chinese New Year and you would like to come and talk to the children, please let your child's teacher know!	We are exploring different movements in PE. Our PE day is Monday so we need to remember our PE kits!

## How can I help my child at home?

### Websites

There are lots of fun games to help with our learning on the internet, that can be accessed on a tablet or home computer.

#### **Useful websites:**

BugClub

Phonics Play

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

We will also send out more websites linked to our learning in our weekly round up letter!

### Home Help!

#### **Reading and Book Talk:**

Reading is an important part of learning and developing children's vocabulary and language skills, therefore we encourage you to read with your child at home.

It provides a great opportunity for you and your child to talk, and share ideas and thoughts about what they have read.

We want children to be happy, enthusiastic readers and develop a lifelong love of books!

### **Homework, home-reading and PE.**

A homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of half term. Each week your child can choose an activity from this grid and complete it. We'd love to see any homework that your child does so please bring it in to show us and pop onto the **Proud Cloud!**

Year R have PE on a **Monday, Wednesday (Seahorses) and Thursday (Starfish)**. Your child needs to bring their PE kit in and leave it on their peg because we will have two PE sessions per week. PE kit is yellow t-shirt, jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers.