

# Reception Newsletter



Friday 13th February 2026

## Our school values

### We promise to be...

**Respectful** (look after everyone and everything), **Thoughtful and Caring** (be kind, listen to others and use good manners), **Friendly** (share, play together and be happy), **Enthusiastic** (be excited learners)

### This week

**Understanding the world (UW)** -We have been comparing where we live in Norwich to where people live in the Arctic. We were surprised to discover there are lots of similarities as well as differences between how we all live. We have also learnt about the concept of 'melting' and set up a fun investigation to see how quickly we could melt the ice.

**Maths** -The children have been practising their subitising skills -which means they see an amount and can instantly recognise how many without having to count. We have also been asking the children to tell us how they see something e.g I see 2 there and 1 there and I know 2 and 1 is 3 altogether.

**PSED** – This week we have been going over our 'Golden Promises' in reception. We have talked about being respectful and have all tried to make sure we are respectful to other people and being respectful with the resources in our classroom.

### Next week

#### **We will..**

-During half term it would be a fantastic time to have a go at any of the 10 challenges set by school council. We would love to see any photos of the things you got up to over half term.

**Phonics** – There are no new sounds for this week so please continue to practise the sounds in the phonics folder especially the sounds your child finds difficult.

#### **Harder to read and spell words:**

*These are words that do not use a phonetic code - we cannot sound them out and blend to read. We just have to see them and read them. There are no new words so please keep practising the words we have sent home.*

### **Important dates**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Weds 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**- Our parent phonics sessions. 9am-10am  
We are looking forward to seeing you there!

### **Other bits:**

**Zips** – Please keep encouraging your child to practice zipping their own coat. This is a really important skill that promotes their independence and saves lots of time in class!

**Spare clothes** – We only have a limited set of spare clothes for children to borrow so please ensure your child has a set of spare clothes in school especially pants, socks and tights. If you do have any extra spare socks we would be very grateful for these in school. Thank you!

### **Routines**

**Library books** in and out on a **Tuesday**

**Phonics folders** – back into school on a **Wednesday** and home on a **Friday**

**Reading books** to be returned to school on **Thursday** New book sent home on **Friday**.

Please sign our child's reading record to show us that the book is finished

*\*\* words in red are new **vocabulary** that we have taught the children. Use this vocabulary at home to support your child's language development\*\**