



## THE FEDERATION OF BROUGHTON AND WEST TYTHERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOLS

West Tytherley CE Primary School, West Tytherley, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 1JX

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful half-term break. The children made a fantastic start to school during the first half term, and we are so proud of how well they have settled into their new routines.

The second half of the Autumn term is always an incredibly busy, exciting, and magical term in Reception as we head toward the festive season. Below is an overview of what we will be learning and how you can support your child at home.

### What We Are Learning This Term

- **Our Themes:** This half term, our learning will be cantered around '*Everywhere in the world is cold: True or false?*'. This will include learning about festivals and celebrations' as well as 'Sparkle and Shine'. We will explore different traditions, winter changes, and animals from hot and cold countries.
- **Phonics and Reading:** We will continue our daily phonics sessions, learning new phase 3 sounds and practicing blending them to read simple words.
- **Maths:** We will be focusing on mastering numbers **1-5** looking closely at their composition, counting reliably, and exploring shapes and patterns.
- **Physical and Creative:** The children will be busy developing their fine motor skills through festive crafts and preparing for our upcoming Nativity performances.

### Important Dates for Your Diary

- **Wednesdays:** PE - please send kit in on the first day of term and to leave it in school for the term; this allows us to be flexible on our PE sessions.
- **Fridays:** Forest school (we do this in all weather so waterproofs and wellies are a must!)
- **EYFS/KS1 Nativity:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm. Children are kindly asked to attend at both performances. Further information will be sent closer to the time.
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term

### How You Can Help at Home

- **Daily Reading:** Please read your child's phonics or picture book with them for 5–10 minutes every day. Please sign their reading record so we can track their progress.
- **Name Practice:** Continue to help your child practice writing their first name using correct letter formations.
- **Independence:** With the weather turning colder, please encourage your child to practice putting on and zipping up their own coats.

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### Reminders

- **Warm Clothing:** Please ensure your child comes to school with a named, waterproof coat, as well as hats and gloves as the temperature drops. We outdoor learn in all weathers!
- **Spare Clothes:** If you haven't already, please provide a named bag with a change of clothes (underwear, socks, trousers) to keep on your child's peg.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to any of the KS1 team.

Warm regards,

*Mrs McStea*

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