

### Dates for your diary.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020- Reading Café, 2.00pm in hall. (Can you complete the reply slip attached to the letter given out if you are able to come.)

### Reading folders.

Could you please make sure these are always in your child's book.  
When you read with your child can you ensure you mark it in their reading log.

### Homework.

Needs to be completed each week.

### Reminders

PE kits needs to be in school at all times. No earrings to be worn on that day please.

A change of clothes to stay in school.

## New Road Primary and Nursery School

### Spring Term 1 2020

January - February

### Early Years - Reception



### Information for parents

Mrs Norris

Mrs Graham



**Dear Parent/Carers,**

Welcome back and Happy New Year. We would like to thank you for your lovely cards and gifts. Once again this will be a busy term. We look forward to hearing about the children's holiday news which will be the focus for their first piece of writing.

**Our topic for Spring 1 is 'Are we there yet?'**

### **Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED)**

During this term we will be focusing on healthy lifestyles and being good citizens. We will be talking about New Year celebrations and learning about how the Chinese celebrate their New Year.

### **Communication and Language (CL)**

This area continues to have high importance as through 'talk' children hear a rich variety of vocabulary which helps them in their writing. We will continue to share our ideas and thoughts during our weekly 'Big Talk' session.

### **Physical Development (PD)**

In PD we will be encouraging the children to practise their handwriting using their cursive script. We will still be providing lots of opportunities for children to demonstrate their fine and gross motor skills such as cutting, threading and drawing. In PE lessons, Miss Bright, will be teaching dance and movement.



**PE sessions will be on a Thursday.**

All children need a named PE kit in school. Please ensure no jewellery is worn on this day.



### **Literacy (L)**

In Literacy this half term we will be looking at a range of stories around the theme of transport, including 'Are We There Yet?' 'The Train Ride' and 'The Journey.' We will also be looking at a range of non-fiction books about different forms of transport. We will continue to develop our mark making activities, letter games and handwriting sessions. We will be learning new phonemes, digraphs and tricky words in our RWI Phonics. Your support with reading at home is appreciated and we can see the children are progressing well with their phonic knowledge.

### **Mathematics (M)**

This half term we will continue to focus on number and number problems as well as positional language. We will also look at weight and link this with cooking.



### **Understanding the World (UW)**

In UW we will be talking about vehicles and how they work, holiday destinations as well as looking at cultural traditions in other countries. We will celebrate Chinese New Year by cooking and making traditional Chinese decorations. We will be sending home a technology survey which we would like you to fill in, so we know what the children are using at home.

### **Expressive Art and Design (EAD)**

In EAD we will be using junk modelling to make as many different forms of transport as possible. We will also be making Chinese Lanterns and dragons.