

St. Margaret's at Cliffe Primary School

## Reception Class Newsletter Terms 3 and 4 2019

Mrs Hoile, Mrs Collins and Miss Trevor

### Hello and welcome to 2019 in Class R!

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Collins to our Early Years Team. Our new routine will be **Mrs Hoile** in class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and **Mrs Collins** on Thursday and Friday. **Miss Trevor**, our Teaching Assistant, is in class every day.

The Early Years Team liaise during the week to plan and assess how best to move the children forward with their learning.

Thank you for all our lovely Christmas gifts. You have been very kind and generous. We wish you and your family a very Happy New Year for 2019.

Topics for Terms 3 – Winter, People who help us and Chinese New Year

Topics for Term 4 – Dinosaurs, Signs of Spring

Thank you for providing your child with wellington boots for school. Please check that they still fit for this term. We are so pleased to notice the number of children who are able to organise their personal belongings by themselves in the morning. Please continue to encourage your child to undertake the morning routine as independently as possible.

**Albert our Class Bear** - will be visiting your home **for the evening** this term. Please help your child to complete a page in his book, with pictures, photographs and information about what your child has done with Albert. We will share this in class the next day.

**Treasure Box** – Your child will also bring home the class treasure box, allowing them to share some special objects of interest from home. You will have the box overnight, before returning it to school the next day ready to share with the class (3 items maximum please). We hope your child enjoys these opportunities to share information from home with their class friends.

**Home learning** – This term we will be revising the phonemes from Phase 2, asking the children to practise their blending and segmenting skills, and beginning to learn the phonemes from Phase 3. We will continue to place activities into the children's Love to Learn books on Fridays. Please ensure your child's book is in school from Thursday each week. Thank you to those parents who are supporting their children with their learning at home – it is so helpful to see the learning that your child undertakes at home and gives us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate learning with your child at school.

**People who help us - support from home** – if you or someone in your family works in one of the following professions, and would be happy to come and share your knowledge with the children, please do let us know – police officer, fire fighter, nurse, vet, doctor or builder. We would love to welcome you to Class R!

**Good news from home** - Thank you for all the Good news slips that you have written for your child. Please continue to tell us about your child's **learning** at home. E.g. writing a shopping list, counting to 100, getting dressed without support or swimming across the pool unaided.

**Parent and child review sheet** – coming home soon will be a review sheet for Terms 1 and 2 for you to complete with your child. This will allow us to gain a more complete picture of the progress your child is making, their attitude towards learning and their perspective of school so far.

**Literacy and Maths challenge cards** – Please continue to support your child's learning in Literacy and their mathematical thinking by completing our challenge cards at home. Please record this work in their Love to Learn Books.

**P.E. lessons every Friday** – from this term the children will begin their P.E. lessons with Mr Castle. The children will need to get changed into their kits as independently as possible and will need to have their kits in school at all times. Thank you.

**Role Play** - We will have a Chinese Restaurant as our role play area this term where the children will enjoy pretending to be chefs making delicious Chinese food together and serving their friends in the restaurant! For more information about our topic this term please read our Winter and People who help us curriculum overview information sheet.

**Reading routine** – Please continue to choose and read new class library books with your child from the books in the cloakroom area. We will change their reading scheme books and phonic books each week. The children will need their **book bags, reading books and contact books in school every day**. Thank you.

**Phase 2 and Phase 3 sound mats** – Coming home this term will be a sound mat. Please continue to practise any unfamiliar sounds with your child. Once the children are confident with their Phase 2 phonemes encourage them to read and write simple words using their sounds. Please keep the mat in their book bags and try to practise a little everyday with your child.

### Dates for your Diary 2019

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – Chinese New Year, we will taste some Chinese food as part of our learning about this celebration.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Open afternoon

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** - come to school dressed as a person who helps us, e.g. a firefighter, a police officer, nurse, vet, builder, postal worker, teacher or doctor.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** - Parent/Carer Consultations

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Mother's Day Stay and Play 10:00am

**Snack Time** - The children receive free fruit or vegetables in the morning at snack time. Every day there is something different to try. If you would prefer to give your child an additional **fruit snack** please bring this to school in a labelled pot (not plastic bag) and place in their trays in the morning. Your child will only receive **free milk until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday**. After this time if your child wishes to continue having milk there is a payable charge.