

## Reception Newsletter – Spring 1

Firstly, we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! We are excited to be back and ready for a fun filled term ahead. Our overarching topic will be 'Blast Off!' which will incorporate Space. We have begun by reading an exciting Space themed story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. In this story, the character Baby Bear finds a rocket and has a picnic on the moon! Here is a selection of texts we will share during the term.



During the last week of term, we will be learning about Chinese New Year; this year is the year of the dragon! On the 6<sup>th</sup> February we will take part in a dragon workshop with a company called Dance Days.

We follow the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme. To find out more check out the website:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

These are the sounds we will be learning this half term:

- ai, ee, igh, oa
- oo, oo, ar, or
- ur, ow, oi, ear
- air, er – words with double letters: dd, mm, tt, bb, rr, gg, pp, ff
- longer words

We follow the White Rose Scheme of Learning, alongside NCETM Maths Mastery for our Maths Curriculum. Here are the areas covered this term:

- ❖ Mass & Capacity
- ❖ Representing, comparing and the composition of 6, 7 and 8
- ❖ Length, Height & Time

Check out the [1-minute maths app](https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths)

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Explore activity 7 - ten frames - within subtising (don't count, know the amount)

We would like to invite you for a **coffee morning** to celebrate the New Year. This will be an opportunity for you to meet other parents in your child's class. It will be held in our meeting room. Please meet your class teacher at 9am at the school office; it will take place until 9.30am.

Mr Mentlak's class – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Mrs Jones's class – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January



**Reading morning starts Friday 26th January – 8.50-9.20 – all welcome** - We will set up the classroom with books but feel free to bring a family favourite. When you arrive find a space, pick a book, and start to read it to your child and whoever else wants to listen. Reading morning will also be on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

You can make the termly £20 contribution to enable our trips and workshops to continue. Please contact the office for guidance with this. If you have any questions, you can contact us through the office at [hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk](mailto:hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk) and it will be redirected to the relevant person.

Kind regards, The Reception Team.