

# Class R's Learning Letter

It has been a fantastic start to the new term. The children have come back to school with such excitement, enthusiasm and full of stories about what they have been doing over the holiday, which is lovely to hear!

Here is an overview of our learning over the next few weeks, with some of the activities that we have planned. As always, if you have any questions please come and ask! Thank you for your support, Miss Tarrant

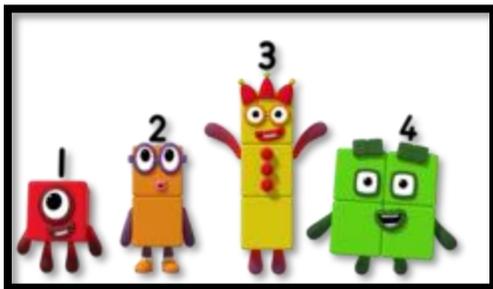
## Topic

This half term's topic is focusing on geography, learning about 'Bears from Around the World'. Over the next few weeks we will be learning about the different types of bears and the different continents that they live on. We will be developing our understanding of their habitats, features and diet; comparing similarities and differences between them. Polar bears, pandas, brown bears and sun bears will be some of the types of bears that we will be learning about over the next few weeks.



## Literacy

We will continue along the theme of bears as there are many quality bear themed stories that can be used to further develop our literacy skills. We will begin with the traditional 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', as well as learning about more recent stories, such as 'Biscuit Bear' and 'The Bear and the Piano.' In the next few weeks we will also be writing invitations to invite pre-school along to our very own teddy bears picnic. I will send out more information about this shortly, as your child will be invited to bring their own bear in from home for this event. As always, if your child has a book that is related to our topic, they are more than welcome to bring it in to share with the rest of the class.



## Maths

In maths, we will continue to practise our counting skills and applying this to solve problems involving practical addition and subtraction. We will also be exploring other mathematical concepts, such as estimation and understanding money.

## PE

I will be teaching dance on Wednesday mornings. During these sessions the children will be exploring how to use their body's to move in a variety of ways, in time to the music. This week the children had an exciting time re-enacting Swan Lake by Tchaikovsky!

## Reading

I would just like to highlight the importance of writing in your child's monkey book. As a class teacher it is only possible to listen to your child read on a weekly basis, and therefore it is so valuable to read your comments about the progress they are making with reading at home. Now that the children know a significant number of phonics sounds it is essential to practise reading (and writing) on a daily basis so they have as many opportunities as possible to apply their phonics skills.

Finally, thank you for all your child's 'Wow Moments'. I have attached some more slips to this letter, should you need them.