

# Class R's Learning Letter

Last half term the children had a great time learning about the different types of 'Bears from Around the World'. We looked at the different habitats in which they live in the world and their diet, drawing upon similarities and differences between them. We also enjoyed participating in many bear related activities, such as discovering the history of the teddy bear, hosting a teddy bears picnic for pre-school and baking biscuit bears of our own. There are some photographs of these activities on the school website, if you haven't already seen them.

You may have already heard that this half term features our whole school topic where each week will follow a different theme. Maths and literacy sessions will continue daily but may link to the theme that we are focusing on for that week, as outlined below.

Finally, it has come to my attention that more and more children are bringing in chocolate or crisps in for their snack at breaktime. Please could I kindly remind you that snacks brought in from home should be a healthy option – thank you. As always, if you have any questions please come and ask!

Thank you for your support, Miss Tarrant

## Week 1 – Dr Seuss

In preparation for World Book Day we will be reading the story of The Cat in the Hat where we will be focusing on the rhyming words from the book and creating silly rhymes of our own. As always, if your child has their own favourite Dr Seuss story at home they are more than welcome to bring it in to share with the rest of the class.



## Week 2 – Only One You

A week that focuses on our personal, social and emotional development, which is designed to highlight and celebrate individuality whilst promoting respect and the achievements of others. This story is inspiring and thought provoking, providing opportunities for discussion around friendship and relationships. The book is beautifully illustrated and will inspire some creative artwork opportunities too.

## Week 3 – Science Week

This week we will be teaming up with Year One to explore a range of scientific concepts. We will be carrying out our own experiments and using our data findings to help us understand more about the world around us. In literacy, we will be using what well known traditional tales to support our understanding of keeping healthy and how choices can impact on our bodies. 'Give us a Smiley Cinderella' and 'Eat your Greens, Goldilocks' are just two of the books within the series.

## PE

I will be teaching gymnastics on Wednesday mornings. During these sessions the children will be exploring different ways of moving and balancing across mats, benches, trestles and the big wall apparatus! For safety reasons, please can you ensure your child has a pair of shorts and a t-shirt in the PE bag – thank you.

## Week 4 and 5 – Significant Individual

Each class will be learning about an individual who has had an impact on the world. As many members of the class have expressed a particular interest in trains, we will be learning all about life of Robert Stephenson.

## Maths

In maths, we will continue to practise our counting skills and applying this to solve problems involving doubling, halving and sharing in practical activities. We will also be exploring other mathematical concepts of time, understanding the features of a clock and reading the time in o'clock and half-past the hour.

