

# Murphy Class Newsletter



## Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to all our families! We hope 2024 brings you many happy times and we look forward to sharing all the excitement of the children's continuing learning journeys! It's been so lovely hearing the children tell us all about their wonderful Christmas experiences; we hope you had a magical time together. This half term we will be finding out about our world: exploring the winter season and the natural world, where we live and later this half term we will be learning more about festivals as the children explore Chinese New Year!



## Talk 4 Writing



TalkforWriting

This half term we will be learning the story of 'The Great Race'. The children will be learning the story 'off by heart' alongside actions and a text map to help them. We will be sharing the text maps and videos on the webpage so you can practise reading the stories at home together.

## Outdoor Clothing

The weather has been noticeably colder since returning from the Christmas break. Please ensure your child comes to school everyday with appropriate, named clothing including hats, scarves and gloves. We learn outside in all weathers - thank you for your continued support with this.

## Parent Partnerships – Dates for your Diary!

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** - Chinese New Year Stay & Play (2.00 – 3.15pm). Parents are invited to come in and join us for some themed play & learning activities

**W/B 29<sup>th</sup> January** - National Story Telling Week. We would like to invite parents to come in with their favourite stories from home to read with a small group each morning this week - please see Mrs White or Miss MacNay if this is something you would like to be involved with.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** - Phonics Workshop for Parents (4.00 – 4.45pm). As our phonics learning progresses, we would like to invite you to another phonics workshop which will focus on supporting your child with the phase 3 digraphs/trigraphs and applying their phonic knowledge to their writing. Please let us know if you are planning to attend.

## Our Favourite 5!

Each half term, we will read 5 key texts. This half term, our 'Favourite 5' books are:



Ruby's Worry  
Mr Gumpy's Outing  
Paper Dolls  
Mr Big  
Supertato



By reading these 5 stories regularly, children are exposed to lots of new vocabulary. Our 'Grandma Fantastic' collects all of the new vocabulary that we have learnt from each story. We revisit this new vocabulary often, to support children to absorb the language and explore it in a wider context.

## Reading Cafe

We would like to warmly invite you to our weekly Reading Café, which will start up again on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, at 2.45pm**. You are invited to come into the Reception classroom to read with your child and their friends.

This will continue each Wednesday afternoon throughout this half term. 😊

We look forward to you joining us!

## Website

We have our own class page on the school website. Please check our page each week to share in our achievements, see what we have been learning about in school and find out ways that you can support learning at home!

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