

Murphy Class Newsletter



Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to all our families! We hope 2026 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 Lunar New Year!



Dates for the Diary



Wednesday 4th February - Phonics Workshop for Parents (2:30pm). 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.



Reading



Your child will continue to bring home their reading books each Friday. These books need to be returned on a **Wednesday** to allow us enough time to change the books. We really depend on your support to read with your child at home; it is with your support they can use and apply the phonic knowledge they have learnt in school. It is important that you re-read the book throughout the week, as with each re-read your child's confidence will grow and their fluency will develop. Also, please write a comment in their reading diaries so we know they have read with you at home.



Ian's Mobile Farm



We are very excited that Ian's mobile Farm will be visiting Early Years on **Wednesday 28th January**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5.00 per child. We have subsidised the cost of this visit through ongoing successful fundraising and contribution from school fund. Please can payments be made at the school office or via your Parent Pay account by **Friday 23rd January**.

NUMBOTS

Your child will bring home a letter containing login detail for Numbots, an engaging online platform to support your child's mathematical development. If you have any trouble logging on, please speak to Miss Harrison or Miss Duckett.



Favourite 5 and Virtual Library!

Each half term, we will be reading 5 key texts – This half term, our 'Favourite 5' books are:



Mr Gumpy's Outing
Shark in the Dark
Mr Big
Ruby's Worry
Supertato



You can listen to Miss Harrison read these stories on our virtual library.
https://www.crossgatesprimary.co.uk/sprin_g-1-11/

Reading Cafe and Stay and Play

The dates for Reading Cafes this term will be Wednesday 14th January and Wednesday 21st January.

Our next Stay and Play session will be on Wednesday 11th February at 2:00pm.
We look forward to you joining us at these events!