



**Summercroft**

# Nursery

5<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back after what we hope was a memorable, exciting and restful Christmas break! Please do bring in the 'My Christmas holiday snapshots' page as we would love to see what fun and exciting things the children have been up to over the Christmas period! This also will help with their communication and language development, by using language based on their personal experiences. Also a huge thank you for all of the Christmas cards and gifts, we felt truly spoilt!



## **THIS HALF TERM**

This half term we will be looking at the winter season and animals that live in cold climates. This theme will be linked with the areas of development and learning within early years. For example, we will be exploring ice and looking at the changes which occur with varying temperatures and also using language based on its texture.

Maths activities this half term will include matching snowman buttons to the correct numeral and using shapes to make different winter themed objects. We will be developing our cutting skills whilst making snowmen and cutting the correct shapes to create our own penguins. We will be constructing our own igloos using Duplo, stickle bricks and wooden blocks.

In literacy we will be focusing on stories based on penguins and artic animals such as the Emperor's Egg, as well as learning about how we use non-fiction books to find out more information.



## **NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Notices will be placed on the Notice board inside Nursery and also via Parentmail, so please keep a check on these. We will continue to put reminders up when a date or event is approaching. Please hand any correspondence to us in person in a named envelope as book bags are not necessarily checked daily.



## **WOW MOMENTS**

Last term we really enjoyed reading and hearing the children talk about their personal achievements outside of school. Please do continue to fill in some 'wow moments' so we can continue to celebrate these achievements in school. Remember a wow moment is personal to your child and is based on their own individual achievement.



## **FOREST SCHOOL**

This half term at forest school we will be looking at the natural changes in the environment as we explore winter. We will be going out and looking for frost, ice and glistening cobwebs, looking and seeing how it changes as the day warms up. We will also be looking closely at the trees, looking to see if we can spot any buds and signs of new life. In January and February it is more than likely that it will be very cold and we are out for up to two hours at a time. Please ensure that you child comes to school with the correct clothing (gloves, scarf, hat, coat) to ensure that they are kept warm. The children will continue to develop their social skills, self-esteem and self-regulation through different child led activities which build on creating a community within Nursery and develop individual risk taking.



## **LEARNING JOURNEY SHARING**

This half term Learning Journey sharing will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February. Please come along between 2:30pm-3pm in the infant hall OR 3:30pm-5pm in Nursery to come and look at your child's book. This is a fantastic opportunity to take a look at your child's personal learning and development and to see all of the creative learning they have been doing. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **FINALLY**

We hope you enjoy hearing about all of the fun and exciting things happening this half term. Remember we are always here if you need to talk to us. 😊

Many Thanks,

Miss Webster and Mrs Jolley

