



Catkins Class Letter



Dear Parents and Carers of **Catkins Class**,

Catkins have had a fantastic start to the year with lots of great experiences and learning opportunities and we very much look forward to the next half term with the children.

Below is some information on the areas we will be covering up until the Christmas break, so if you have any questions about the curriculum, please do ask.

English	<p><u>Phonics:</u> Read Write Inc programme.</p> <p><u>EYFS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing my name• Writing numbers• Simple letter combinations <p><u>Year 1 writing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stanley's Stick- John Hegley <p><u>Year 2 writing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• November Night Countdown – Moira Andrew• Tadpole's Promise- Jeanne Willis <p><u>Y1 Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Little Rabbit Foo Foo – Michale Rosen• Dogger- Shirley Hughes• Zog- Julia Donaldson <p><u>Year 2 Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hotel Flamingo – Alex Milway
Mathematics	<p><u>EYFS-</u> Light and dark Introducing shapes</p> <p><u>Year 1</u> part-whole relationships (Number and place value)</p>

	<p>2D and 3D shape Numbers 0 to 5 (extended to 10) (Number and place value/Addition and subtraction) <u>Year 2</u> Fluently add and subtract within 10 Addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers Introduction to fractions</p>
RE	<p>What do Jewish people believe about Torah? Special times – Christmas and Hannukah.</p>
Design & Technology	<p>EYFS To construct with some purpose by using junk Food: Fruit and vegetables Mechanisms: making a moving picture</p>
Science	<p>Seasonal changes- Autumn and Winter</p>
Computing	<p>EYFS- to know how to operate simple equipment Online emotions Creating Media</p>
Humanities (Geography/History)	<p>Geography To group animals that live in the Antarctic and animals that don't. Why don't penguin need to fly?</p>
Music	<p>Classical music- dynamics and tempo (animals)</p>
PE	<p>Our PE days this year are <u>Wednesday and Thursday.</u> Please ensure that children have a full PE kit in school, including spare socks.</p>

Outdoor classroom activities: I will let parents know in advance if wellies are needed for any outdoor activities, so please keep a lookout for messages.

Also, please remember outer clothing appropriate to the weather each day, children may need hats and warm coats as the weather gets colder.

What children will need to bring to school each day:

A drink bottle containing water

A book bag

Their lunchbox if they have a packed lunch

We ask that children please do not bring backpacks to school as we do not have the space for them, thanks for your help with this.

Homework for years 1 and 2 will come home each Monday, to be completed by Friday of the same week. Please, importantly, also **listen to your child read 4x per week**.

Reception children please spend some time every day practicing the sounds your child has learned in class. You can find their sounds in their special folder and there are also some great videos on our website, click on Catkins page and scroll to the bottom.

We do award children with **reading rewards for home reading** and we will monitor reading records weekly.

We will acknowledge home reading with a tick or a comment in your child's reading record.

Many thanks for your help with ensuring that we all have a great half term! If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me, either in person, via email, or by phone.

Best wishes, Mrs Ella Jukes