

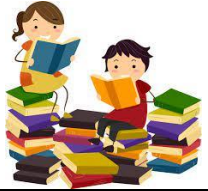


Firstly, can we take this opportunity to thank you for all of the lovely Christmas cards and gifts that we received! It is not necessary to thank us in this way but your generosity was very much appreciated. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break.

We have noticed that some children are struggling with properly cleaning themselves after using the toilet, which can lead to discomfort. We understand that developing independence in personal hygiene is a gradual process for children. If you believe your child has this difficulty, please could you encourage them to wipe themselves. Here are some suggestions to help reinforce good hygiene habits – teach proper techniques and show how to wipe, encourage thoroughness and promote handwashing. Please be patient and positive to build confidence in managing their hygiene independently. At school, we do our best to encourage good hygiene practices and consistent support from home, together this will make a significant difference in helping your child develop these lifelong skills. Please talk to us if you think your child needs further guidance.

Each week you will get an over view of the class learning and will be set some home tasks too. Home school communication books should be returned to school on a **Wednesday**.

We will continue to have Forest school on Wednesdays and Thursdays is PE.

Please find below the summary of our week in school.	
Our learning...	We had a relaxing first day back, sharing our stories from our time at home and enjoying being back in our classroom. We talked about the new year and what we would like to do this year. On Wednesday, we went for an icy walk around the field and went to look at the ice on the pond. Our new learning for this half term is People who help us. We introduced the topic by sharing the book "What do Grown-ups do?". Throughout the term, we will invite different adults to come in the room to tell us what they do. This week, Mrs Timson, Mrs Byard and Mrs Jones have been to see us to tell us about their jobs. We have thoroughly enjoyed using our new hospital role play area.
Phonics	This week we have been identifying the letter names and sounds. Letter name song We have also been revising the sounds we have found tricky.
Maths	We have been focussing on what is zero, finding 0-5 and subitising 0-5.
Home learning	Please continue reading. Remember to log into Oxford Owl to read the books we share in school. Reading books Please could the children share their favourite story from home. If possible, please could they bring it into school or draw a picture of the book? 

Please remember to visit the school website for the photos. [Reception class page](#)

Mrs Hancock, Mrs Francis & Mrs Hartwell