

# Purple Class Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for our lovely Christmas gifts; we were touched by your generosity and have enjoyed treating ourselves over the holidays. We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We are looking forward to hearing about the children's holiday traditions as we get settled back into the school routine next week.

The theme this term is '**Winter Wonderland**'. We are looking forward to learning about the changes that occur during the winter months as well as using poetry and art to explore the season in more expressive ways.

We will begin to think about winter through a variety of fun and creative Stunning Start activities. We are particularly looking forward to using different painting techniques to create winter themed scenes. We will also be creating our own snowflakes and snowmen using paper and cotton wool.

In Literacy this term we will be focusing on poetry. We will scaffold the children's learning using a variety of techniques, supporting them to write their very own wintry poems. With a particular focus on adjectives, we hope to produce some descriptive pieces.

This term in Maths we will be focusing on counting in jumps of 2s, 5s and 10s, ordering events and finding fractions of number.

In Science we will be learning about the different seasons and will begin to observe changes that occur throughout the year. We are particularly looking forward to creating our own anemometer which we will use to record wind patterns throughout winter.

In Computing we will be exploring a variety of technology and thinking about how these are used within our everyday lives. We will be developing our photography skills by learning how to take and edit our own winter themed photos.

RE this term will continue to focus on Christian beliefs and values.

Our Art will be winter themed. We are looking forward to learning about a variety of artists and working to create our own art using their unique style.

We are looking forward to learning about healthy eating in Design and Technology this term and will be designing, creating and tasting vegetable soup.

In History we will be learning about Florence Nightingale and her various achievements within medicine. We will also take the time to compare her work to that of Marie Curie.

Show and Tell will continue to be on Fridays this year and will comprise of sharing Busy Books and home learning with the class. Don't forget that children are welcome to share their extra-curricular achievements through Celebration Assembly each week. Please continue to discourage your children from bringing toys into school.



## REMINDERS FOR PURPLE CLASS

### PE Days

PE will take place on a Monday and Friday. Please remember to remove earrings on these days.

### Weekly PPA Cover

**Mrs Savoury** will continue to teach **Purple Class** every Wednesday morning.

### Uniform

Please continue to ensure that your child comes to school in appropriate winter clothing and that all items of clothing, including PE kits are named. This ensures that items are not lost or accidentally mixed up with other children's belongings, especially on PE days.

### End of Term Treat

Purple Class will continue to have a termly target of 20 gems to collect for an end of term treat. The children thoroughly enjoyed bringing their scooters and bikes to school at the end of last term and it was wonderful to see how sensibly they used them. This term, the children have voted for a movie afternoon with blankets, popcorn and teddy bears. As usual, this will happen towards the end of term when all the gems have been collected and we will contact you nearer the time with the specific details. Wish us luck!

We look forward to another term with you all.

**Miss Seymour, Mrs Staines and Mrs Savoury**