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## Newsletter – 19/01/2018

### Nursery

We have now started our new topic 'Natural Materials' with the story of the Stickman by Julia Donaldson. The children have really loved the story and have used it to get really creative in their play. As part of our topic we would need any large pebbles or shells if any parents could help by bringing some in, it would be much appreciated. Thanks to everyone who has brought in their sponsor money for our sponsored Nursery Rhyme Week. We have raised a total of £152.50 and are excited to order our new equipment for the children to play with outside. We will send photos soon!

Polite reminder: As we are experiencing the coldest months of the year, it is important that children come to school with a warm coat and if possible gloves, hats and scarves to keep them warm. Thank you.



### Reception

Children in Reception have enjoyed earning lots of new facts about the planets in our solar system. Ask them to see what they can remember! They have also made rocket models and playdough aliens.

Please keep reading with your child and don't forget to sign their red reading record so they can get their Dracos.

### Year 1

The Year 1 children have made a fantastic start to the New Year and are already busy learning. In Numeracy we have been practising reading and writing numbers to 100 and learning about making numbers 1 more and 1 less. Our Literacy learning is based around the film Wreck-it Ralph and we have spent some time this week finding adjectives ready to write a character profile describing him. Our topic learning this term is all about materials. We have started by learning the names of some common materials and learning words like flexible, soft and transparent to describe their properties.



Today we are at the English Institute of Sport to take part in a day packed full of sporting activities and fun! We're having an amazing time as you can see from our photos...



Once again, we would like to thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home. The children who are regularly reading at home and practising their tricky words are making really good progress. The time and effort you are putting in to supporting them is really paying off!

### Year 2

Year 1 and 2 children have watched "Wreck-It Ralph" as an introduction to our topic on materials and their properties. We are also hoping to build upon this by designing and making something after a discussion about which materials are the most suitable for making certain items. This is also the focus of our Literacy this term and we will be discussing character profiles.



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## Online Safety

The internet is an amazing place for children to play, learn, create and connect, opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, it is becoming increasingly important to ensure your child is doing this safely. As parents, it can sometimes feel impossible to keep up with this ever changing world and advances in technology – you may feel that your child is more competent than you on a computer, phone or tablet!

As parents and carers it is also our responsibility to ensure that the films our children are watching, whether it is a DVD or via YouTube, are appropriate for their age. We are becoming increasingly aware of some of our youngest children watching horror films, which are completely inappropriate. Films are given an age rating for a specific reason, but we currently have an increasing number of children coming into school and openly describing characters and scenes from certain horror movies. Young children find it difficult to tell the difference between what is real and what is fantasy, so hearing about such things can be extremely frightening and distressing.

**Please think carefully about what your child is watching and that it is age appropriate.**

Thank you.

Below are some websites which you may find helpful:

[www.commonsemmedia.org](http://www.commonsemmedia.org)

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)



## After School Clubs

As you know, this week is the start of our after school clubs. We ask that parents and carers wait outside the school reception doors (unless authorised by school) until your child is brought out to you. We have had occasions where parents and carers have entered school as staff are leaving. This poses both a safeguarding and fire risk. We thank you for your cooperation.

## Dates for your diary:

- **February Half Term** – School closes on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** for one week. Children and staff return on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018**
- **Easter Holiday** – School closes on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** for two weeks. School re-opens on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

## Attendance

Below are the statistics for attendance and lateness this week. Our attendance is very low at the moment!

**This week's winning class is RTM who have 95.1% attendance this week!**

Class	Attendance (%)	Late Arrivals	Overall Score
RMJ	93.1	7	89.9%
RTM	96.1	2	95.1%
1CM	92.3	4	90.5%
1ND	86.7	1	86.3%
2CB	97.4	14	91.4%
2EC	89.6	5	87.3%

**Remember, school starts at 8.45am!**

**Please support your child by bringing them to school every day and on time, thank you.**



♦ **Missing a day per week during their school life = 2 YEARS of missed learning.**

♦ **Arriving 15 minutes late every day for one week = 1 hour and 15 minutes of missed learning a week!**

Green indicates that attendance is above the National Average

Yellow indicates that attendance is broadly the National Average

Red indicates that attendance is below the National Average and this needs to improve **PLEASE!**



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