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Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back all, we are looking forward to another exciting and busy term, here is a brief outline of things to come:

Firstly, we hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you a happy new year!

We would like to welcome Miss Waterfield to our lovely Nursery and Reception Class. Miss Waterfield will be working in class Thursday's and Fridays with a similar timetable as before, however, PE will be timetabled on the same day!

When settling back into school after the Christmas break, we thought we would give a gentle reminder of how it is so important for the children to manage their own personal hygiene and wash hands regularly, we will be reiterating this in a small group session.

### **Literacy**

The children have been interested in light and dark, on that note we will be exploring light and dark through different contexts, reading fiction and non-fiction books connected to the subject, starting off with the book titled 'Whatever Next,' this also lends itself to role play scenarios and the children can begin to create their own narrative. The children will be writing for a purpose, when travelling to the moon they will need a passport, write a list of food to take on their journey to the moon. We may even explore writing names in magic space dust, endless opportunities for fun when writing.

### **Phonics**

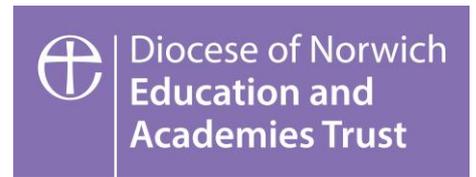
We will be introducing Phase 3 phonics this term-beginning with ai, ee, igh,oa,oo

### **Maths**

We will be carrying on with number work, exploring number bonds in various contexts, using different manipulatives and identifying patterns, for example, can children identify/write systematic number bonds to 5/10. We will use the part/whole model which represents the different parts which combined together make the whole. We will also be learning and applying maths through play.

We will measure short periods of time, day, night, days of the week, sequence the story from morning to night.

In songs we will be adding and subtracting, for example when singing 'five little men in a flying saucer'.



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### Understanding the World

When exploring light/dark we will be learning about natural/man made light sources and exploring tactile objects in the classroom that we can find out the differences between materials, find out how they work and the children will use their senses to carry out scientific experiments.

We will compare similarities and differences between different religions and cultures (Chinese New Year) beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> February, celebrating the year of the Tiger. We will be drawing on children's own experiences, read facts about life and celebrations in this Country and life in other Countries.

### Target child Observations

As part of our 'In the Moment planning' we will shortly commence sending home a 'target child' sheet for you to fill in for your child (if your child has been chosen that week).

### Resources

We would be grateful if you had any unwanted torches, shiny objects that we could add to our light sources table.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Sewell and Miss Waterfield.