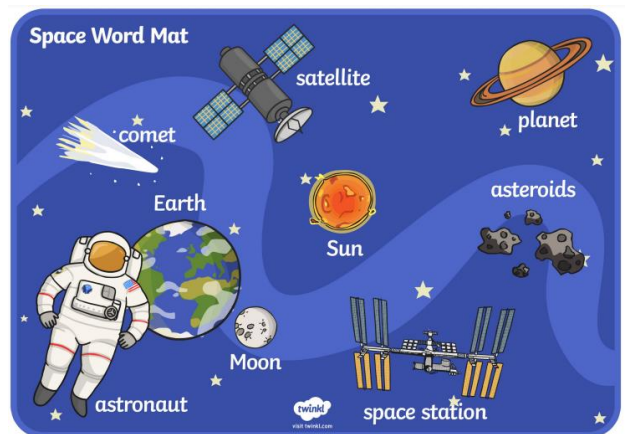
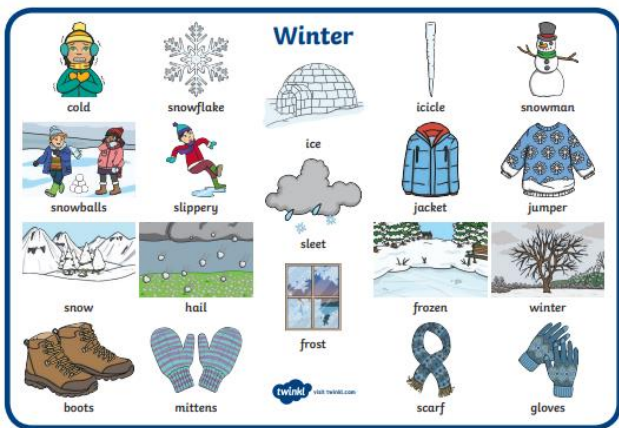


Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome back to Term 3. We hope you had a relaxing, enjoyable break. We will be having lots of lovely discussions about what the children have been doing over the Christmas break and we welcome any pictures that you may have of your time together. Pictures are a super talking stimulus for the children and we love sharing them. We are expanding our class family album and would love to see any recent family pictures for the children to display and discuss. Please send them in via Class Dojo by message.

This term the children will be 'Extraordinary explorers and experimenters'. We will be learning about winter weather and all about the Arctic. We will be experimenting with ice and observing how it changes state, as well as exploring the winter weather outside. Later on in the term we will be learning all about space, day and night, and mechanical toys. We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year at the end of the term. Please see below a word mat of the key vocabulary we will be learning:





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#### Drop off and collections

Our morning session begins at 8:30am and the day finishes at 3:15pm. Prompt drop off and collections are always appreciated. Please try and stick to these times to enable your child to fully access their learning.

#### Reminders

- Some children are still coming into pre-school without spare clothes. It is essential that all children have a clean change of clothes (including underwear and socks) in their bag.
- Please name all items.
- Please ensure, where appropriate that children have enough nappies and wipes.
- If possible please leave some wellies and waterproof clothing at pre-school. We understand that this is not always possible.
- Please provide a named water bottle with WATER ONLY.
- We would prefer children NOT to bring in personal items such as toys as they become upset when other children want to share them or when they get lost.

#### Staff in the pre-school

Miss Mckennon is the full time teacher in Starfish. We have two Early Years Practitioners: Miss Haygate works full time and Miss Wood works Tuesday to Friday (both also happen to be Early Years Qualified Teachers too). Mr Webb covers Starfish on Mondays and during lunch times. Miss Gracie Kimmit will be starting in Starfish as our Early Years Apprentice this term.

#### Mathematics

This term we will be covering:

- Number and place value of 3, 4 and 5
- Recognising 3, 4 and 5 in the world around us
- Learning how many years old we are
- Practising number formation up to 5
- Counting to 10 forwards and backwards

The younger children will be focusing on developing their counting and number recognition through number songs and rhymes.

#### Reading

We now have a lending library by our collection area. You are welcome to come and change your child's book with them whenever you wish. Books will need to be signed in and out. Please ensure you take good care of the book and keep it in your child's plastic wallet. Please record the date and name of the book in their yellow reading record. It is important that you read with your child every day. Some of the books



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we will be reading are: "Me", "That's Not My Robot" "Whatever Next", "Harry and the Roots", "You Choose" "In Space" and "The Gruffalo's Child".

You could help your child's reading by:

- Helping them to recognise their name
- Read a book together. Can your child guess what may happen next? Can they recall the story and tell you what happened?
- Discussing the familiar logos and signs that are in the world around us. Can you collect any, cut them out and bring them in for our display?



#### Forest School sessions

Forest School this term will be on a Friday morning. Please come 'Forest School Ready' in warm, waterproof clothing and wellies. The children will also need a hat and gloves. Please provide a spare change of clothes (including underwear and socks). Please name everything!

#### Going home

Please inform a member of staff if a different adult will be collecting your child. We will ask them for your password.

Thank you for your support.

The Pre-school staff