



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an exciting new term. This term, our topic will be **"People Who Help Us."**

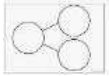
Throughout the term, the children will be learning about the important roles people play in our community, such as doctors, nurses, firefighters, police officers, and many more. We will explore how these helpers keep us safe, healthy, and happy.

Our activities will include stories, role play, creative arts, and hands-on experiences to help the children understand and appreciate these everyday heroes. If you or someone you know works in a helping profession and would like to visit the class, please let us know—we'd love to make the learning even more special!

Phonics - This week we will be reviewing the sounds and harder to read words taught last term. Please continue to help your child spot the harder to read words in their reading books and encourage them to begin to write the words they are secure with.

Literacy - In Literacy this week we will be reading the story 'People Need People' by Benjamin Zephaniah. The book will help us to begin our new topic as we start to learn about people who help us in our community.

Maths - We will be finding one more and one less than a given number and exploring the composition of 4 and 5 using part whole models. We will use resources to help us to accurately say the total amount.



Understanding the World - Our role play area will become a vet's surgery. We will be expanding the children's knowledge and vocabulary of people who help to look after animals.

Fine Motor - This week we will be practising our scissor skills. We will be learning to hold our scissors correctly to help us cut out some tricky patterns.

Reception will be beginning Forest School sessions from 15th January. They will need to bring in suitable clothing such as - blue / black plain tracksuit bottoms, long sleeved t-shirt (blue or white), waterproof trousers and wellington boots for rainy / wet days.

If you are able to send in donations of any of the following to help us with the children's learning, we would be very grateful:

Accessories to help with setting up our vets e.g. face masks, bandages, plastic gloves, etc, plain flour, salt, cream of tartar for playdough

Thank you in advance 😊

Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th January - Start of spring term, normal time.

Friday 9th January - Safeguarding Session for Volunteers

Thursday 15th January until Thursday 12th February - Forest School for Reception (during school hours)

Thank you,

The Reception Team 😊