



# AUSTIN FARM FOUNDATION STAGE

## News Letter

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### Happy New Year!

We hope that you have had a great start to the new year. We are now a third of the way through the foundation year and look forward to seeing the continued progress that your child will make over the forthcoming months. Please continue to support your child with reading, learning new tricky words, and other suggested activities posted on Tapestry. Consolidating learning at home can make a huge impact on your child's progress.



### Hot or Cold?

This term our learning topic is 'Winter and Our Wonderful World'. The children will be learning about the seasonal change to Winter. They will learn about the type of weather we see during the season and how it differs to the others. They will learn vocabulary to help them describe the season, using all of their senses. The children will then learn about a place in the world which experience a cold climate- The Antarctic. The children will learn about the life of an Inuit and compare it their own lives. They will also investigate the animals that live in this climate and how they have adapted to it. Following on from this, the children will be introduced to how we need to care for our world to avoid global warming and the ways in which this can be done. We will learn who Greta Thunberg is and what she is trying to achieve to save our world. The children will also learn about how Christians believe that the world began, through the Creation Story.



### Reminders

- \* There are still jumpers/ uniform items with no names. Could you please check labels to see if names have come out in the wash?
- \* Our PE day is Friday. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE kit- Royal blue t-shirt and royal blue shorts. They will, however, need to wear plain, dark tracksuit bottoms or leggings to be able to access the PE outside and the foundation outside environment throughout the day.
- \* £3 Snack/cooking money is now due please (if you have not paid for the full year already). Please pay via Parent Pay if you have not done so already.



### Number Ninjas!

In Maths, the children will be deepening their understanding of numbers to 10 and comparing quantities. They will learn the different compositions of numbers to 10 which provides them with the knowledge they need, when adding and subtracting later in the term. They will also be learning about names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. In addition to this, the children will also be learning vocabulary and concepts associated with mass, capacity, length and height.

### Reading Books

Last term, your child started bringing home their first reading/blending books (exciting times!). These are books for your child to try to read themselves, with you. It is vital that your child revisits this book regularly throughout the week. It is also helpful for us to know when your child has read so please write a brief note in their reading diary, each time your child reads the book. They will also be rewarded on the reading trail for their reading. Please remember that reading your child's library book to them is equally important. Please endeavour to read with your child at least 3 times per week. We are working on understanding and responding to 'how' and 'why' questions this term and stories are a great way to facilitate this learning.

### Phonics

The children will continue to be taught daily phonic sessions in various groups. These groups enable us to teach phonics to meet the needs of all of the children. Please use the links sent to you on Dojo, to support your child with what they are learning in their group.

Please pop in and see us should you have any questions or concerns