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Dear Family

Welcome back to Nursery and a very Happy New Year to you all! Thank you again for your kind Christmas wishes, presents and cards, we appreciated them very much. The children have settled back well and were very excited to tell us their holiday news and most importantly that Father Christmas had been to visit! They have drawn and painted some lovely pictures of either their favourite presents or their favourite toys.

**Topics for this term:** Our topics for this half term are 'Winter and The Arctic', Fairytales and 'Chinese New Year'. After half term we will be exploring 'Space and Aliens', 'Spring' and 'Easter'.



**Topic: Winter-** We have begun to think about winter this week. If anyone has any snowy photos, pictures, or story books about winter we would appreciate borrowing them for the next few weeks. We have watched a video clip about winter and the children have discussed what it is like during winter. We have set up an arctic role play area indoors where they can explore and find different animals and play in our igloo. We shall begin cooking next week with the children choosing to make either a 'polar bear' or an 'arctic fox' cookie.



**RE:** During our Assembly today we began our new R.E topic 'Celebrating' by talking about the feast of the Epiphany when the 3 Kings arrived from their long journey to visit baby Jesus.



**Literacy:** This week the children have been talking about their paintings and some of them have been trying to sound out and write some words. When helping your child to write please ensure you show them how to hold the pencil correctly and teach them to use the lower case letters except for the initial letter of their name. Thank you.

**Maths:**  The children have been playing with number puzzles and winter themed work cards in the maths area.



**Physical:** The children have been practising holding their paintbrush and pencil correctly while painting and writing.



**Lanterns of the week:** This week's 'Lantern of the Week' in our morning session are Victoria and Michael. 'Lantern of the Week' in our afternoon session are Aamina and Aiden. Well done to all of them for trying hard in their activities, being a kind friend and for helping in the nursery this week



**Library Books:** Please remember to return your child's school library book in their book bag on Thursday. Thank you.



**Show and Tell:** Some children like to bring toys from home to show us. As we don't want them to get forgotten, lost or broken we have now introduced a 'Show and Tell' time. If your child would like to bring in a toy on a Thursday to show to the children and talk about it, please can you ensure their name is on it and we shall have a box for them to put it in. This activity can improve your child's confidence and speaking skills. Please can you discourage your child from bringing in toys on the other days. Thank you.

**Reminders:**

We are now collecting this terms £5.00 donation towards cooking and treats with the children. Thank you to those parents who have already given it to us.



**Clothes:** Please can you put your child's name in their coats, hats, scarves, wellies and gloves. If your child wears wellies or boots to school can you bring in their trainers to wear inside. **Please return any nursery clothes as soon as possible.**

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Coughlan, Mrs Ladd, Mrs Sleigh, Mrs Spinks.