

Gilsland Church of England Primary School

Infant Class Newsletter January 2011

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone has had a good Christmas and New Year. We have, as usual a very busy term ahead with U-Dance and Creative Partnerships running through the term. Well done to all the children for putting on a fantastic Christmas performance and Carol Service and thank you all for your support to make Christmas happen in school, even with the weather!

Creative Partnerships

Please encourage your child to watch a news programme most days. This will prepare them for the work we will be doing as part of creative partnerships.



Reception homework

Please read with your child **daily** and write a comment in their reading record to let us know how they got on. Homework sheets will continue to be sent home on

a Friday to be returned by the following Friday. Please spend time sitting with your child and guide them so complete the sheet.



Homework—year ones and twos

As well as daily reading, printed homework will continue to be sent home on a Friday, to be returned the following Friday. Year one and two children will have spellings in their spelling books, please complete spellings on three different days so that they become learned not copied.

Please record your comments in your child's reading record and year **two children** should be beginning to add their **own comments**.

Bee Book

Every Friday one child is chosen from the Infants to have their name in the Bee Book. Also, any child who has completed their reading chart receives a certificate. Children receive stickers for their chart every day that they have read so please do not forget to fill in your child's reading record every day.



Our topic for this half term is Winter Wonderland and Polar Regions.



The children and I have planned what we would like to focus on.

In Literacy we will be focusing on information texts and fairy stories. Also, through Creative Partnerships we will also be focusing on reporting and presenting our reports.

In Numeracy we will be following the Numeracy Strategy which includes counting, data handling and measures.

In Science we will be looking at keeping things warm and light.

In R.E. we will be thinking about Hinduism.

In ICT we will be learning to use digital cameras including recording still and moving images and using programmable robots.

In Geography we will be learning about maps and we will create our own maps.

In Art we will be making 3D structures

Our role play area has a winter wonderland and explorer's base.

Our small world is arctic explorers.

P.E.

This term we will be doing Dance and Gym. Please make sure that your child has an indoor kit in school. If your child attends Friday afterschool club they will also need an outdoor kit.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to ask.

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