

## 'WOW' SLIPS

Thank you for bringing these from home, we enjoy reading what the children have achieved. Please keep these coming in so that we can continue to celebrate your child's learning at home.



## Swimming

The children will begin swimming this Term on a Thursday Morning. The children are fully supported by qualified swimming teachers when in the water.

The children will be assessed during the first week and will be put into groups according to ability.

Please let your class teacher know if your child has any medical needs which mean they cannot participate in swimming lessons.



## Homework

Homework will continue to be collected every Thursday and books returned every Friday. Remember the journals can be used for sharing anything the children do over the weekend too. If they want to write, draw pictures or stick photos in of anything they do we are always happy to share this with the class. Thank you for supporting your child in completing their homework we really appreciate this.



# Joy Lane Primary School Year R Newsletter

## Terms 3 and 4

Welcome back to Term 3. This booklet will give you a brief overview of some of the exciting learning opportunities over the next two terms. We hope that you agree last term was a fun packed one and the children really made us proud in their Christmas Shows. We are looking forward to an exciting Term 3 as the children continue to progress with their learning.



Klee, Kandinsky and Kline Classes, Term 3



# Year R Learning Theme

In the Early Years Foundation Stage we like to follow the children's interests and ideas. We will be focusing on the following topic:

## 'Let it snow'

During Term 3 we will be focusing on the changing seasons. This will inspire our learning with a cold theme. The children will participate in ice investigations, create snowy artwork and investigate their Arctic role play corners. Our learning will be inspired by stories and films such as 'Lost and Found', 'The Snowman' and 'Frozen'.



## Writing

The children will continue to receive phonics lessons daily. They will revisit and recap phase 2 Letters and Sounds and begin learning the letters from phase 3. We hope to see the children writing more this term, using the sounds they have learnt.

Practising their handwriting and formation of letters will become more of a focus and we ask that children also practise their cursive writing at home. If you would like another copy of a letter mat to use at home, please ask your child's class teacher.

## Mathematics

The children will begin simple calculations this term. We will be learning to complete simple addition by counting how many altogether in two groups. We will also begin to look at simple subtraction using physical objects to help us with our problem solving. We will revisit using the resource 'Numicon' to help with their addition and subtraction. The children will also learn to order items by weight and length.

## Reading

Thank you for supporting your child at home with their reading. We often find that the children who read regularly at home as well as in school make more progress with their reading. When you have completed a book at home please place both the book and reading record in the box outside the classrooms. We appreciate your comments written in their reading record to help inform us of your child's progress. Your child will begin to have more formal guided reading sessions in school with their teacher this term.

## Expressive Arts

We hope the snowy topic will inspire lots of snow themed artwork this term. The children will also receive a visit from 'KIC' Theatre where they will take part in a drama workshop focusing on 'Animals that live in the snow'.