

## Pre/Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back, we hope you all had a restful holiday. It's lovely to have the whole class back this week; the children have certainly missed each other.

Our new topic for this term is 'Stories'. We will focus on two books, 'Peace At Last' by Jill Murphy and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. These are terrific books to read as they provide opportunities for the children to get involved in the stories while supporting language and literacy skills. There is lots of rhyme and repetition throughout the stories which also encourages the children to engage with the stories.

During the topic we will look at the pictures, listen to the sounds, discuss what happens and towards the end of the topic the children will be encouraged to make predictions and talk about the story in their own words. Creative and imaginative activities are planned which will support the children to become familiar with stories.

The last week of term (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> February) is literacy week which follows on from our Stories topic. During this week we would like the children to bring in their favourite book and we would like to invite you (the parents) to come in a read your child's favourite story to the class. On Friday (5<sup>th</sup>) the children can come to school dressed up as a character from any book. I will send another email before this week to organise suitable times and days.

Finally, we would like to welcome Mohammed to our Butterfly class. This week we will also have a new girl called Mira joining the class too, so our Butterfly class is growing slowly. I will send the new telephone chain soon.

Kind regards,

Leila

