

# Reaching Your Potential Newsletter

December 2016

Dates for  
the Diary:



On **Monday 16th January** come and visit our new and improved library - full of adventures to explore and characters to meet!

On Monday 16th January come and pick up your child **from 2:45pm** and visit our amazing library. There are lots of new and exciting books just waiting to be picked up and read. Come and see how bright and engaging the shelves look and spend time in our comfy seating area, sharing a book with your child. The library will be open **until 4.00pm** and Mrs Butcher and Miss Legg will be around to help you scan out your chosen book.

Please note that from then on, the library will be open for you to visit with your child on:  
**Mondays 3.15-4.00pm and Wednesdays from 8.15-8.45am**



## Can you be a superhero and help us find some comics?!

You may have already seen posters up in class windows asking for unwanted and unwritten in comics and magazines suitable for children between the ages of 4 and 11. If you have any which you would like to donate to the school, please hand them into your class teacher.

## Help us grow our Volunteer Reading Team!

A huge thank you to all of our reading team. We are looking forward to our end of term celebration with our fabulous volunteers this Friday at 9am and 2:45pm. We are always looking for more volunteers so please speak to us or the class teacher to express your interest for helping in the new term. From an hour to a whole day, any help is greatly appreciated.



## Fun with Food!

We had great fun last week at our last 'Fun with Food' workshop of the year. Throughout the afternoon we made chocolate krispie Christmas puddings by using our weighing and designing skills. We also had a series of challenges to make different types of Christmas trees which needed our fine motor skills, lots of hand and eye coordination, some maths skills and of course our designing expertise. We are looking forward to working with new families next term.

## Christmas festive fun!

Please do encourage your child to continue to read throughout the holidays and practise their 'Learn Its' to keep them fresh. We know that Christmas is a very busy time and we hope you will all be having lots of fun and making lots of memories but look overleaf for some festive ideas for those quieter days of the holidays.

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## Festive ideas

- ▲ Making paper chains- great for sequences and pattern spotting.
- ▲ Making Christmas tree decorations – e.g. can they make a certain amount of baubles red?
- ▲ Looking at Christmas song lyrics- can they identify capital letters? Full stops? A statement? An adjective? A verb?
- ▲ Making snowflakes- folding paper to make symmetrical and repeating patterns. Discussing the different shapes which can be made
- ▲ Lots of festive baking- great for maths skills of measuring but also for instructional writing

Please also remember that Mathletics and TT Rockstars are fantastic resources for your child to use to practise their maths skills at home.

## Workshops for next term

Date	Time	Workshop content	Suitable for
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017</li><li>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017</li><li>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017</li><li>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017</li></ul>	9:15-11:15am	Come and have fun exploring story sacks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Discover just what a story sack is</li><li>Learn new skills to try out at home</li></ul> Please note that the first hour is adult input and that you will then be joined by your child for the second hour	EYFS and Year 1
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	2:15pm	Ever feel like getting your child to read at home is mission impossible? If so, this is the workshop for you. Come and hear engaging ways to motivate your child to read.	EYFS, Year 1 and 2
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2017	2:15pm	Ever feel like getting your child to read at home is mission impossible? If so, this is the workshop for you. Come and hear engaging ways to motivate your child to read.	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2017	6:30pm	Ever feel like getting your child to read at home is mission impossible? If so, this is the workshop for you. Come and hear engaging ways to motivate your child to read.	All

## Look out for flyers in the new year!

### A final mindset thought...

If the turkey is too dry on Christmas day or the Christmas pudding doesn't set alight - don't panic! We can learn from our mistakes and put it right next year! We hope you have a lovely Christmas and enjoy the festivities.

*Miss Short and Mrs Thomas*

