

## **Early Years update – Spring Term week 1 (5<sup>th</sup> January)**

So, we're back after Christmas break; and it's almost as if it never happened!

This week we have welcomed 7 new Caterpillars (pre-schoolers). They have settled very well and the children have all helped them with things such as opening doors, washing their hands and finding out where everything lives, as well as the daily routines. They have been a credit to you!

The Butterflies (Reception) have been learning about stories and favourite books. We have shared some of our favourite stories and talked about what we like about them. In Phonics we have been re-capping on everything that we learned in Phase 2. We have (thankfully!) remembered our letter sounds. We will now be moving on to digraphs (two letters that make one sound). Some children have successfully learned the tricky words that were sent home over Christmas. Please try to carry on with those words. We also had some homework returned, which was lovely, so thank-you!

Caterpillars have been practising their sitting, listening and concentration skills, while showing the new children what the expectations are during group games and activities. They have continued with their 'Funky Fingers' and 'Dough Gym' activities, building up the strength and dexterity in those all-important hands, ready for writing!

We shall be having PE as usual on Tuesday mornings and 'Muddy Monday' begins again for the Butterflies.