

# EYFS (Reception) Learning Letter (Spring 1)

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## EYFS Learning News

Welcome...

Happy New Year! We hope that you all have had a lovely Christmas. We were able to start the term watching a fantastic show by M and M productions, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

This new term unveils many new adventures - we hope the children will be enthusiastic and excited! (We are!) We will be going on many adventures through our 'Enchanted World' topic.

Nature Ranger sessions continue every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. (Parents of Watton B children, look out for a change after half term.) There will be open sessions inviting parents to come and see what we do in Early Years, please come along to these informal coffee sessions for a chat about learning expectations and what you can do to help your child.

Our doors are always open. If you have any questions or you would like to volunteer to help listen to readers or with Nature Rangers, please talk to a member of the team.

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday 24th January - 6pm - Panto Club show to families

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January - 6.30 - Years 3 & 4 production to families

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February - 1.45 - Years 3 & 4 production to families

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - 3pm - Year 3 cake stall

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February - EYFS height and weight checks with the school nurse

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for half term at normal time



### 'Enchanted World'

Our main theme this half term is 'Enchanted World'. In school the children will become explorers and set out on adventures around the world. We will follow the children's interests, whether it's using their imagination, investigating habitats, weather, environment or festivals. We intend to find out about: winter, Chinese New Year and polar habitats. *If the children find anything at home to do with these topics - please bring them in to school - we'd love to see them!* 😊

Nature Rangers will also be weaving through all our learning - both inside and when we're outside! (Wellies on!)

### Lunch Boxes

*We have noticed an increasing number of sweets and chocolate bars being included in children's lunch boxes. As a school we encourage healthy eating and would like to remind you that these types of food are not suitable.*



## What we will be learning across the curriculum...



**Phonics (letters & sounds)** -The children are moving onto phase 3 of letters and sounds. They will be learning about diagraphs and trigraphs e.g oa and igh. We will be extending their segmenting and blending skills to include this new set of sounds. Visit the Phonics Play website for more info/help at home.



**Reading** -Please continue to show excitement when reading, whether it's sharing a book or finding a sound or word. Remember to log it in your child's reading record book as four reads at home entitles them to a RALF sticker which is celebrated at the beginning of the week (RALF-Reading and Learning is Fun). Rocket words are used to encourage your child to recognise common and tricky words from memory.

**Writing** - Children are being encouraged to think carefully about the sounds in words that they are attempting to write. During this term we expect the children to become more independent at hearing all the sounds in a word and writing the letter that links to the sound.



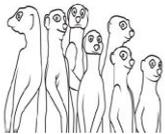
**Maths** - This half term we intend to take maths outside, linking up with our environment. We will be using the children's interests and ideas as a starting point for their maths learning and incorporating provocations to develop counting, number recognition, shape and measure into their child initiated activities.

## School Routines

Your children are already settling into our school routines well. Here are a few reminders to help them and you make the transition as smooth as possible.

- **PE-Watton A and B** have PE on Friday mornings. **PLEASE** make sure your child's items of clothing are named.
- **Reading books-** Please ensure your child's reading book is in their book bag and brought to school **every day**.
- **Book Bags** - All letters are placed inside book bags so please check them regularly. If your child does not have a book bag, letters will be placed in their tray.
- **Lunches** - **please be aware that we are a nut free school due to children with severe nut allergies. E.g please check your brand of chocolate spread does not contain traces of nut.**

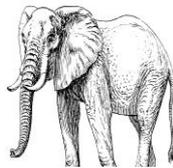
### Meet our 6Rs animals,



Ready  
Meerkat



Resourceful  
Hamster



Resilient  
Elephant



Responsible  
Penguin



Reflective  
Owl



Reasoning  
Monkey

**6Rs....** *We are focusing on Resourceful Hamster and Responsible Penguin to develop the children's independence and awareness of safety both in the classroom and during Nature Rangers.*

## Home Learning ideas...

Things to think about:

- Practising getting dressed and undressed
- Using a knife and fork
- Trying new foods and activities
- What we would like to discover about the world we live in.