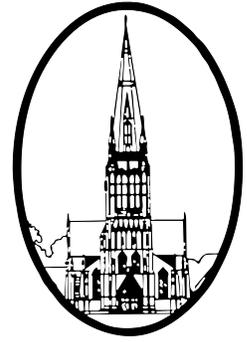


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*'Through God's love, we strive to be  
the best we can be.'*

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had a relaxing Christmas break. We are looking forward to seeing the progress the children will make over this Spring term. The topic for this term is;

### **Transport**

During this topic, the children will have the chance to learn about various types of transport, including air, land and water transport. They will discuss their different transport experiences, make their own train tickets, make their own model with junk modelling and engage in role play in our very own building site.

Here are some of the areas that will be covered this half term:

<b>Literacy</b>	The children will move on to the phase 3 (purple) sounds in phonics, they will read and write simple and common words and attempt to read and write simple sentences.
<b>Maths</b>	Estimating, counting on, adding, subtracting, sharing objects equally, recognising and writing numbers to 20, ordering items by mass, ordering items by length, making and describing patterns.
<b>RE</b>	Who cares for this special world and why?

### **Reading**

The children now go home with their own reading books each week. Your child should read this book several times a week. Please fill out their yellow reading log each week and comment on how they did. The level of the book will be changed once they have mastered the level of reading. Books will be changed **every Friday** so please ensure your child comes to school with their '**red bags**' with the previous book and reading log inside.

### Spellings

'Spellings' are sent home every **Friday**. The expectation is that the child practises reading & writing these words throughout the week. On Friday's the children will practise writing these words in their own special book. Most of these words will be 'tricky' words which are words that cannot be sounded out.

### School Shoes

All children must wear black school shoes (not black trainers) when coming to school.

### Donations

We ask if you could please donate a small donation of £1 weekly to the Reception class to help us enrich our learning environments. With this money we purchase resources to go along with our topics. These resources might include the ingredients to make play dough, ingredients for cooking activities and science experiments, water beads for our water tray, shells for our sand tray, and so forth.

### Target Tracker Link

We are excited about the recent launch of the new *Target Tracker Link* in early years. By now, you should have all received a link via email regarding accessing your child's learning online. Please see us if you haven't provided your information or if you're having trouble accessing the link.

We look forward to a successful term. Thank you for all your support.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms. Power & Ms. MacKay