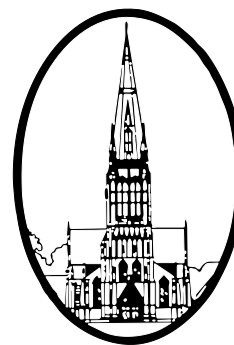


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*'Through God's love, we strive to be  
the best we can be.'*

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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 oyster cards, 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 books and reading log inside.

### Spellings

'Spellings' will be sent home this term 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.

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

Yours Sincerely,  
The Reception Team