



AMBLE LINKS FIRST SCHOOL

Turtles Half Termly



Spring 1 2016

Winter Weather

With our very mixed weather at the minute please make sure that your child has a warm winter coat in school each day. We do use the outdoor area come rain or shine! When the weather is bad the children are encouraged to wear full waterproofs and wellies when playing outside. If you want to send a pair of wellies for your child these could be kept under their peg, but we do have a selection that are kept in school. If you do have any old boots at home which do not fit your child anymore we would happily take these off your hands.



Read Write Inc

This half term our focus will remain on consolidating and using Set 1 sounds to support with our reading and writing. You can help by reading as much as possible at home. When reading encourage your child to segment the word by saying each sound- they can use Fred the Frog when doing this to help blend the sounds to read the whole word. Remember words such as the, was, he, said are red words "You can't Fred a red you just have to know it," these are words that the children should be learning as part of their sight vocabulary. We are also using the website www.phonicsplay.co.uk to support our blending and segmenting skills why not play some of these games online at home too?



We're Walking in the Air!

This half term we will start our new topic linked to Winter - 'We're walking in the air.' We will be using the story of The Snowman by Raymond Briggs as a stimulus. You can help by spending time at home either reading the book or watch the film of The Snowman. You could talk to your child about their favourite part of the story and why they liked it? We will be using the story to encourage the children to think about feelings and how people show their feelings in different ways. You could practice making different faces to show different emotions such as happy, cross, excited or disappointed and talk to your child about a time when they have felt one of these emotions and how they did or could have dealt with it. Weather permitting we are looking forward to investigating signs of winter such as frost and ice, and learning about freezing and melting. Keep your fingers crossed that we get some snow and get the chance to build our very own snowmen!



Reminders

We will be starting PE again next week- please make sure that your child has a full kit in school which is clearly named. You can help by encouraging your child to get dressed and undressed independently at home. Try using a timer it works a treat!

Maths

This week the children will get their Mathletics log in details and will be set short weekly tasks as part of their homework. Please support your child to complete this activity online each week, this will help to develop the children's understanding and recognition of numbers, as well as reinforcing concepts we are working on in school such as more than and less than. If you have any problems logging on or do not have access to a computer/tablet speak to a member of staff and remember Homework and Computer clubs are on Mondays and Tuesday where the children will be supported to complete these tasks.