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## Spring 1 2026 Newsletter

### Early Years



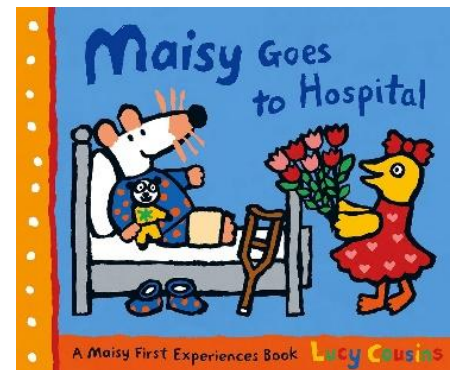
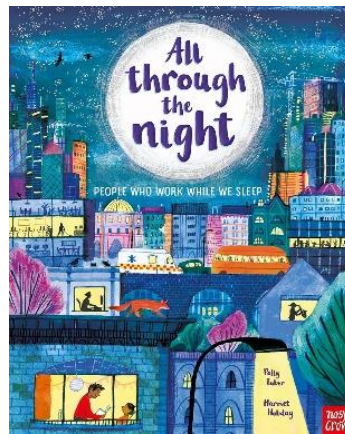
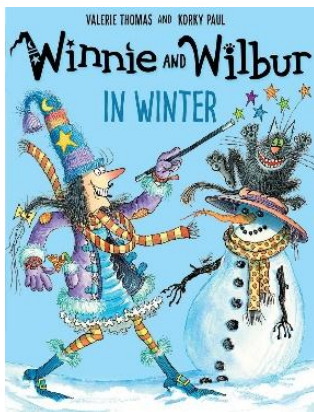
Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you have enjoyed lots of Christmas festivities, had some lovely family time and all made some great memories. We are now back and ready to continue our learning journey with some exciting new topics.

### Enquiry

Our enquires this half term are 'Winter and Ice' followed by 'People Who Help Us'. We will be exploring changing seasons and how to keep warm in the winter months. Children will be investigating ice and why things melt. Following that, we will be looking at different roles people have in our community. If you have a job that you are happy to come in and share with our classes please speak to Mrs Dickinson or Miss Hiseman.

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## Phonics

For this half term we will be focussing on the following letter sounds:

Phase 3 graphemes - ai, ee, igh, oa, oo (short), oo (long), ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, er.

We will also be looking at words with double consonant letters such as, dd, tt and introducing **trigraphs**. This is when 3 letters make only 1 sound for example **igh** in **night** so this word has only 3 sounds (phonemes) n igh t despite having 5 letters.

We will continue to read lots of CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words and will be moving onto reading longer words. During our reading sessions in school, we will be reading our Little Wandle books that will come home by Thursday for you to read with your child at home.



## Library

We will be visiting library on a **TUESDAY**. Children can take out a book of their choice to share with you at home. We recommend storing their library book in their Bookbags so that they never forget it.



**Uniform** It is fantastic to see the children looking so smart and ready to learn. With the new year beginning, you may have had to buy some new items of clothing for school. May we take this opportunity to remind everyone to make sure that **everything is named** including shoes if possible! Thank you for your help with this. We also accept donations of any clothing that your child has grown out of for the occasional accidents that do occur in school. If you have any uniform that we have lent you after an accident etc. please can you make sure it is returned to school especially the underwear, as we are running very low.



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**PE FRIDAY** will start to be our PE morning and children can come into school wearing their trainers, jogging bottoms, their coloured PE T-shirt and their **school jumper or cardigan** on this day. **NO** hoodies or zip up tops should be worn. They will wear this all day.



Can you help?



With woodwork, the biggest challenge is keeping up with demand. We would very much like to encourage you to help out by bringing in any offcuts of **NON TREATED** soft wood such as pine and other resources such as bottle tops, corks, and lids. As children become eager makers and creators, we will need on-going help with this! Thank you.

## HOME LEARNING

**Home Learning** will continue to be sent home every Friday. Please make sure that children complete their daily reading at home which is checked on a Monday when they get their 'Love To read' book. Please continue to fill out the reading diaries as children are expected to be reading at least 5 times a week.

This can be parents sharing a story or your child reading to you. We are impressed that so many children have already achieved their 50 and 75 reads certificates and when they reach 100 reads, they will receive a special prize! Please remember that we are always happy to support you and your child over the year and will be at the door at the beginning and end of the day if there are any messages or questions.

**An Extra Plea:** Please can you spend some time teaching your child to do up their own zip on their coats and perhaps put on **scarves and gloves** independently in the cold weather. It would really help their independence in starting their play more quickly.

Thank you so much for your support as always.

Mrs Dickinson, Miss Hiseman and the Early Years Team.



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