subitise and learning about number composition. You can help your child by noticing amounts in the environment e.g. I can see 3 pebbles here, there are 2 cars left in the car park etc.

In maths we will be doing lots of Mumber work such as matching numerals to quantities, verbal counting beyond 20 and subitising. Children in nursery will be learning to

Maths

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Children in Mursery will be engaging with stories through story sacks and action songs. Please remember to bring Reception book bags every day as they need them for phonics lessons. Children in Mursery are encouraged to use the Mursery library on a



In literacy we will be reading a selection of books and using our phonics in our writing. In drawing club we will be exploring books, tales and animations such as Pingu, the Snowman and Wacky Races.

Literacy

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This half term is a short half term but we have packed it full of very exciting learning and experi-

We will also be learning about Chinese New Year at the end of the half term and how this is celebrated. We plan to set up a Chinese restaurant and taste lots of yummy Chinese food as part of our learning.

Happy New Year everyone! We hope you have all had a nice Christmas and spent some lovely family time together. This half term we will be looking at a selection of books such as Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers and One Day on our Blue Planet in the Antarctic by Ella Bailey We will be learning about which animals live in the Antarctic as well as exploring in its and freezing and melting.

This term we will be looking at books all about winter and the Antarctic.

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## General Messages

- Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery for school.
- Children need a water bottle at school with their name on. We would advise water only.
- If your child turns 5 before the end of April they will need to pay for school milk if they wish to have it (unless they are entitled to free school meals).
- As colder weather is now upon us please ensure children have sufficient clothing for outdoor play as we do go out in all weathers.
   Please, again, ensure it is all labelled.
  - Watch out for your child being chosen for our 'Star of the Day' medal. They will get chosen for doing something special during their school day.
- Each week we choose a child to take home our special teddy bears (Humphrey, Martha and Ted) and write about their weekend activities.
- Look out for your child being chosen to take our book bags home with some lovely stories to share with a hot chocolate!
- Please check out our class pages on Twitter and follow us if you are on Twitter. We put lots of important messages on and also photos of what the children are up to at school.

Miss Law—@livelylions

Mrs Parker—@LadybirdsMrsP / Mrs Butterwood—@Mrs\_Butterwood EYFS TAs—@missambler94

Miss Hines—@MissHinesTT / Miss Williamson—@AWilliamsonSP

Can we politely remind parents that we ask for a £3.00 contribution each half term to allow us to provide further opportunities for the children e.g. Christmas boxes, baking, food tasting and homemade playdough. These contributions make a big difference to the provision we can provide.



Shawlands Primary School Foundation Stage Newsletter



## Spring 1 Term 2024

Welcome back to our Spring 1 term.

In this half termly newsletter we hope to let you know some of the activities that your child will be taking part in over the coming weeks and provide you with some useful information.

## Staffing news:

As you will already be aware, Mrs Athorn will soon be stepping up as Head of School. Therefore Miss Law will be taking on the role of Early Years Leader from January. Please don't hesitate to contact her if you need anything.

## **Important Dates**

Monday 8th January—INSET day
Week commencing 15th January—we are taking part in
the big school bird watch this week.
Friday 2nd February—NSPCC number day (details to
follow)

This half term—we break up on Thursday 8th of February and return to school on Monday 19th of February.