

# Quarr Class

Spring 1

## **Happy New Year!**

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. The children have made a fantastic start to the new term already. They settled back in really quickly and have been enjoying investigating the ice in our outdoor area.

We will be beginning this half term learning all about birds. We have joined the Big Schools' Birdwatch and we will be recording how many different types of birds we see in our school grounds.

## Topic:

Our theme this half term will be Winter. We will learn all about the season of winter, looking at the weather, winter animals and their habitats and other countries around the world that have very cold winters.

## PE:

This half term we will continue to look at movement. We will be focusing on different ways to move across the hall and different speeds. We end this half term with a few weeks of dance.

## Maths:

We will continue with subitising within 5 and matching numerals to quantities.

We then look at the composition of 5, 6 and 7 and compare sets of numbers using more than, less than or equal to.

## Phonics:

This half term we begin phase 3 phonics. This is all digraphs (2 letters that make one sound) and trigraphs (three letters that make one sound).

This week the children have already learned their first trigraph 'igh' along with three new digraphs. I have sent home a print out of our phonics sounds this half term in book bags.

We will start learning some more new tricky words next week, please look out for these in the tricky word folders in your child's book bag so you can support their learning at home.

## How can you help at home:

Keep checking our class Dojo page for updates on your child's learning and other important information.

Please listen to your child read every day and record this in their reading records. Please ensure reading books and reading records are in book bags every day so we can complete reading groups in school.