

15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## OPAL CLASS

Dear Families

We had a busy week last week learning facts about the universe. Already I am hearing the children using 'space' language in their play – especially in our new space centre. The ice also proved popular last week and led to some fascinating science learning outside. We found huge pieces of ice which the children explored, painting on, smoothing down and breaking it into thousands of pieces.



We continue with our core text, 'The Gingerbread Man' and plan to cook Gingerbread biscuits this week. Please see below for a great phonics idea you could try out at home to support your children with blending and segmenting sounds. Please note our **curriculum leaflets** have been sent out – sometimes they get stuck in book bags overnight. Read all about what the children will be learning this term! Don't forget to log into **Boom Reader** to log when you have read with your child at home! If for any reason you have not received your Boom Reader password from me please ask!

## Book bags and reading books

Just a reminder about reading books. There have been a few children without their reading books in their book bags so hearing the children read has not been straightforward. **Please remember there is a small charge for missing or damaged books as these books are from the RWInc scheme which are expensive to replace.** Thank you for your understanding.

### This week's key reminders:

- PE Thursday with Mr Chinn and Friday with Miss Horne (PE kit to be worn to school for both days please)



## Great ideas to support learning at home...

Here's an idea! Let's use those left over annoying bottle tops. Why not write letters on the top and use them to build words. You can make this as hard or as easy as you like. You could even write tricky words on them. Hide them in the house for children to hunt, put them in the bath, lay them on the stair –

make it fun and the children will love you for it!

### Read Write Inc

**RWInc letters to **review** this week include 'special friends': ng nk**

Watch these great film clips of Fred and Elly learning RWInc. Go to the following links on the Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc site online:

For the sound ng: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/63F6lkKU/JGhvpKti>

For the sound nk: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GoPBIBz6/MB1Uerj4>

Any queries any time please ask!! **Viv Horne** *Opal Class Teacher*