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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

**Happy New Year!** It is lovely to welcome you and your children back to St Charles and I look forward to working with you this Spring Term.

Our topics this term are Fairytales and Storybooks, My world and Growth.

### **Personal, Emotional and Social Development.**

This term children will be encouraged to develop a positive sense of self, set themselves simple goals, have confidence in their own abilities, to persist and wait for what they want and direct attention as necessary. Through adult modelling and guidance, they will learn how to look after their bodies and manage personal needs independently.

### **Communication and Language & Literacy**

This term we are introducing a new phonics scheme called Essential Letters and Sounds across the school; and we will be teaching phonics for 1 hour a day each day. It is essential that children continue to read and practice these sounds on a regular basis at home through reading daily.

We will:

- Hear and identify the sound in words including digraphs and trigraphs.
- Learning to read and write Hard to Read words and practice using these in short sentences.
- Practise letter formation using lead ins.
- Sound out and write words and sentences with increased independence.
- Continue to read stories as a class and individually, encouraging children to decode words and discuss what they have read.

Books are changed every Monday. The children need to bring their books in **Everyday** so that they can read this book with an adult throughout the week.

**We will begin sending home spellings home for homework next week.** Please help your child to learn these as they will begin to do spelling tests each Friday.

Children will be given handwriting and phonics homework every Friday this term. It will need to be completed and handed in each Thursday.

### **Mathematics**

This term we will continue developing a strong grounding in number. This is essential so that all children develop the necessary building blocks to excel mathematically.

This Spring Term we will be learning:

- Addition and Subtraction within ten.
- Grouping and Sharing
- Number patterns within 15
- Doubling and halving
- Shape and pattern
- Calendars and Time

## **Understanding Our World**

During the spring term children will be listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems which will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.

## **ICT**

We will be developing our awareness of ICT software through the use of the interactive whiteboard, cameras, Beebots and iPads.

## **Religion**

Our RE topics for the Spring term are 'Celebrating' 'Gathering', 'Easter' and 'Growing'.

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

Creative activities will be linked to our topic and include art, music and role play. Music will be taught on a weekly basis. Children will also have the opportunity to explore different media such as clay, play dough and paint.

## **Physical Development**

PE will take place every **Thursday**. This term the children will be working with coaches and focusing on team games. **Children will need to come in wearing their PE kit.** Please ensure they have the correct attire. Please continue teaching your child how to dress and undress themselves.

We will also continue developing fine motor control including correct pencil grip and how to use the scissors safely.

We thank you again for your involvement, when school and home work together the children always benefit. Please feel free to arrange a time to speak to us if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Harwood  
Reception Teacher