Happy New Year and welcome to the children who are joining us this term. I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas.

This term our topics are ‘Toys’ and ‘Winter and Cold Climates’. We will be starting our Winter and Cold Climates topic by creating an Arctic Research Station as a role play area. We will also be reading the story The Snow Queen and working with Ducklings to create a display depicting the story. Our toys topic will start with the children talking about the toys they received at Christmas and drawing a picture of their favourite toy.

This week’s objectives:

M – Shape, Space & Measure – Beginning to categorise objects according to size 22-36 mths

L – Reading – Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall – 30-50 mths

- Anticipates key events in stories – 30-50 mths

- Describes main story settings, events and principal characters – 30-50 mths

- Beginning to be aware of how stories are structured – 30-50 mths

UW – The World – Notices detailed features of objects in their environment – 22-36 mth]

EAD – Exploring & Using Media & Materials – Understands that they can use lines to enclose a space & then begin to use these shapes to represent objects – 30-50 mths

You can help your child learn by: getting your child to help you to sort out their toys and talk to them about the toys. What toys don’t they play with anymore? Why don’t they play with it? What could they do with it? Did you have any toys like these when you were little?

IMPORTANT REMINDER – the closing date for applying for a place in primary schools for September 2017 is on Sunday 15th January. If you have not yet applied online please do so ASAP via the Lancashire County Council website: [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk) before 11.59pm on Sunday 15th January.

Term Dates

Spring Term

Friday 6th January 2017 – Friday 31st March

Half-term holiday – Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February (inc)

Summer Term

Tuesday 18th April – Friday 21st July

Mayday Closure – Monday 1st May

Half-term holiday – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June (inc)