



# Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Dear families,

Happy New Year!

Overleaf you will find our topic web for this half-term. This gives you an overview of what we will be learning in Reception. Our topic is 'Amazing Animals'. We will enjoy sharing stories such as *What the Ladybird Heard*, *Arctic Animals* and *Rumble in the Jungle*. We will also be learning about Lunar New Year and Valentine's Day. During PPA each Tuesday morning, the children will be visiting Nettlecombe Farm and Ventnor Botanical Gardens. Please keep an eye on the whole school newsletter as this is it will let you know when it is your child's turn.

In Phonics we will be recapping our phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs whilst continuing to practise our blending skills. The sounds we are recapping and an activity to do at home will be posted every Friday onto ClassDojo. In Maths we will be finding odd and even numbers and doubling numbers to 8. We will begin to explore mass and capacity with a range of indoor and outdoor activities.

We will continue to have the Patch and a balance bike lesson each Monday. Your child will need to wear clothes from home that you don't mind getting muddy, along with a puddle suit and wellies if possible. PE will be on a Wednesday morning, please bring your child to school in their PE kit.

Please make sure your child brings their book bag and a named water bottle every day. Please remember a warm coat, hat and gloves (all named).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

The Reception Team



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