

**Our half term will start with our vet and pet shop role play. We will be having a visit from a local vet who will help us learn all about what animals need to stay healthy and happy. We will also be learning all about different animals and their 'habitats'.**

### Chatterbox

This half term we would love to chat about Christmas and how we spent it with our families. We would also love it if you could include some information or photos on any special traditions or customs you have had over the festive period.

Please send in your chatterboxes as follows:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Red Group

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Green Group

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Blue Group

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 - Yellow Group

### English

This half term we will be using the traditional story tale The Gingerbread Man to teach the children all about traditional tales. We will be looking at how the story has a 'beginning, middle and end' and how there are 'characters' throughout.

**At home you could help your child with their English by**

- supporting them learning their new rwi sounds and practicing using the previous sounds
- Encouraging them to write whenever possible, they could help you by writing their own shopping lists, recipes and letters.
- Continue to read with them daily
- Check tapestry regularly to catch up with Walk and Talk and Homework

### Maths

Spring term is when we begin our Maths Challenges for the Year R children. Every week a new challenge will be posted on Tapestry for you to complete at home with your children. When you have completed the challenge simply record it in their Maths Challenges Journal. Once they have completed 8 different challenges they will receive a certificate from Mr Greenhalgh in our Celebration assembly.

**We are having a science and technology week just before half term. We will explore science using crazy experiments, inspiring discussions and exciting assemblies. We will also be inviting parents to come in for some of the sessions to join in with the fun.**

### Dates to remember:

6<sup>th</sup> January - Inset Day

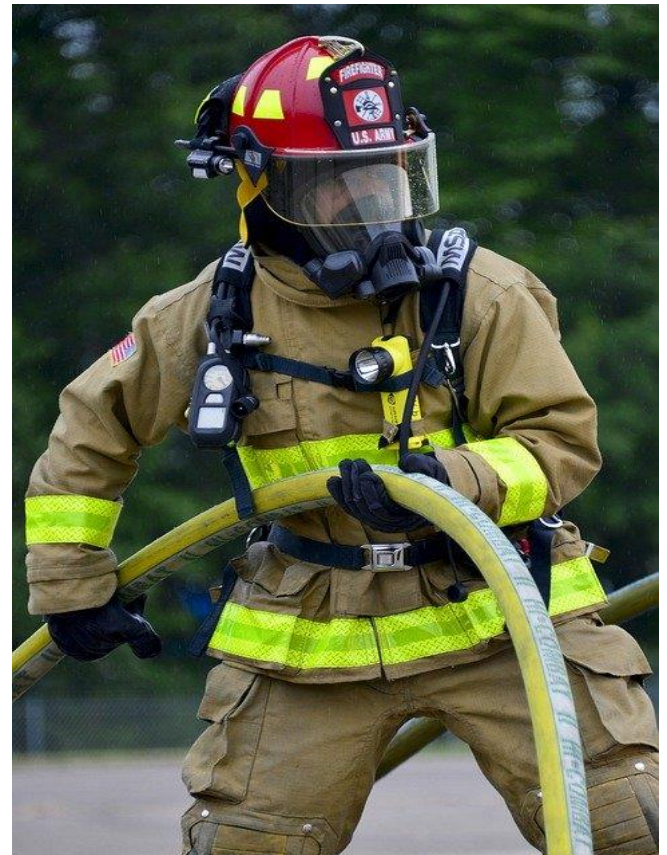
7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - First day back at school for all children

11<sup>th</sup> February: E-Safety Day - Come to school dressed as a Super Hero. E-Safety is about being safe on the internet and is a very important topic for the children to learn. The whole school will be spending a day dressed up as super heroes and learning about being safe and secure on the internet.

14<sup>th</sup> February: End of term. School re-opens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8.45am.

Penguins and Zebras  
Spring Term 1 Topic

# When I Grow Up



While we are learning about 'when I grow up' we would love to learn more about interesting careers. If you would like to come and talk about your job please let us know. In the past we have had a nurse, a prison warden, a bus builder and a cook. Can you help?