

# Reception Newsletter: 10.1.20



We have launched this New Year with a look at time.

- Through the story of Cinderella we have discussed 'midnight'.
- We talked about New Year's Eve and looked at New Year's Eve across the world. Why does Australia celebrate 11 hours before us?
- We went on to explore the months of the year. We have been putting them in the right order, learning songs to help us and taking a look at the seasons giving us clues to what time of year we are in.
- We have left paper plates out in the learning environment and through this have taught children another fixing and joining technique, the use of split pins and how to use them safely. Why is there a long and short hand?
- We have left some clocks out in the environment so children can make up their own times.
- And for those children who enjoy telling stories we have included the characters from Cinderella in the form of puppets.



The new year also brings an exciting opportunity for Reception children.

It's 'time' for clubs!

Those available this term are:

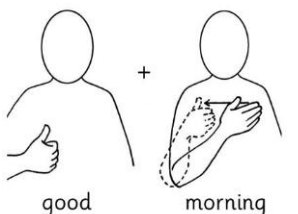
**Lego Club** : (15 places) A chance to ponder over some problem solving projects with Miss Flitcroft from architecting places of worship to testing Lego boats in water to help escape a desert island.

**Sing, Rhyme and Sign** : (15 places) Miss Parker is going to teach children sign language through rhyme, song and story. We are very proud of being an inclusive school and this is an excellent chance to celebrate diversity and equip children to communicate in the future with a variety of individuals.

Clubs will run on Wednesdays starting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of January and will run for 4 weeks up to half term (BLOCK 1). They will start again after half-term 26<sup>th</sup> February for another 4 week block (BLOCK 2). **Your child can sign up for Lego **OR** Sing, Rhyme and Sign and will then be allocated a space in Block 1 **OR** Block 2 (to ensure all 60 children have the same opportunity during the term)** Clubs last from 3.15-4.15 prompt and children will need to be collected from the main entrance where you will be invited into the hall to safely pass your child on to you.



Hello



Look out for new reading material coming to you. Don't forget to use the speed words to ensure children can read the words by sight **before** you begin to read the story. In addition this term we are encouraging sounding out in **your head** rather than out loud.

