



Dormice Newsletter - November 2021

## Dates for this half term



Friday 17th December - last day of autumn term

Wednesday 5th January - children return for Spring term

Saturday 15th January - deadline to apply for a primary school place (see below for details)

We will let you know any other dates as the term progresses.

## Applying for a primary school place



You must apply for a primary school place for your child before the closing date of 15th January 2022. Main school places are separate from nursery places, so just because your child is in our nursery does not guarantee them a place in the main school. Applications are made via Suffolk County Council, details of how to apply can be found here: [Apply for a primary school place 2022/2023 | Suffolk County Council](#)

If you would like to view our main school please contact the school office, who will be able to arrange an appointment for this to happen.

## Covid changes



As you have hopefully already seen on school story we are having to make some changes due to climbing rates of Covid in the county. Until further notice, we will be limiting visitors coming on site. This includes having parent meetings, so if your child has their focus week coming up we will offer you a phone call instead of a face-to-face meeting. Just a reminder that these meetings are instead of a parents meeting, so we will not be having parents evenings on the 17th and 18th November when the main school have theirs. As ever, if you have any queries about your child please ask - you do not have to wait for your focus meeting to do so.

Also, any adults coming on site are required to wear a face covering. This includes at drop-off and collection times.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we will keep you updated if the requirements change.

Talk4Writing and rhyme time

# *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*

*Michael Rosen*

*Helen Oxenbury*



This half term our story is 'we're going on a bear hunt'.

For rhyme time we will be singing songs related to the story, plus learning some Christmas ones [Rhyme time - We're going on a bear hunt \(padlet.com\)](https://www.padlet.com/)

## Library books



If your child has not returned their book since September you will have received a slip reminding you of the book they were issued.

If you are unable to find your child's book, or think they don't have one, please let us know and we will issue them with a new one. We know that accidents happen, so if a library book gets damaged please let us know and we will issue another one.

Phonics and number sessions

# Number BLOCKS

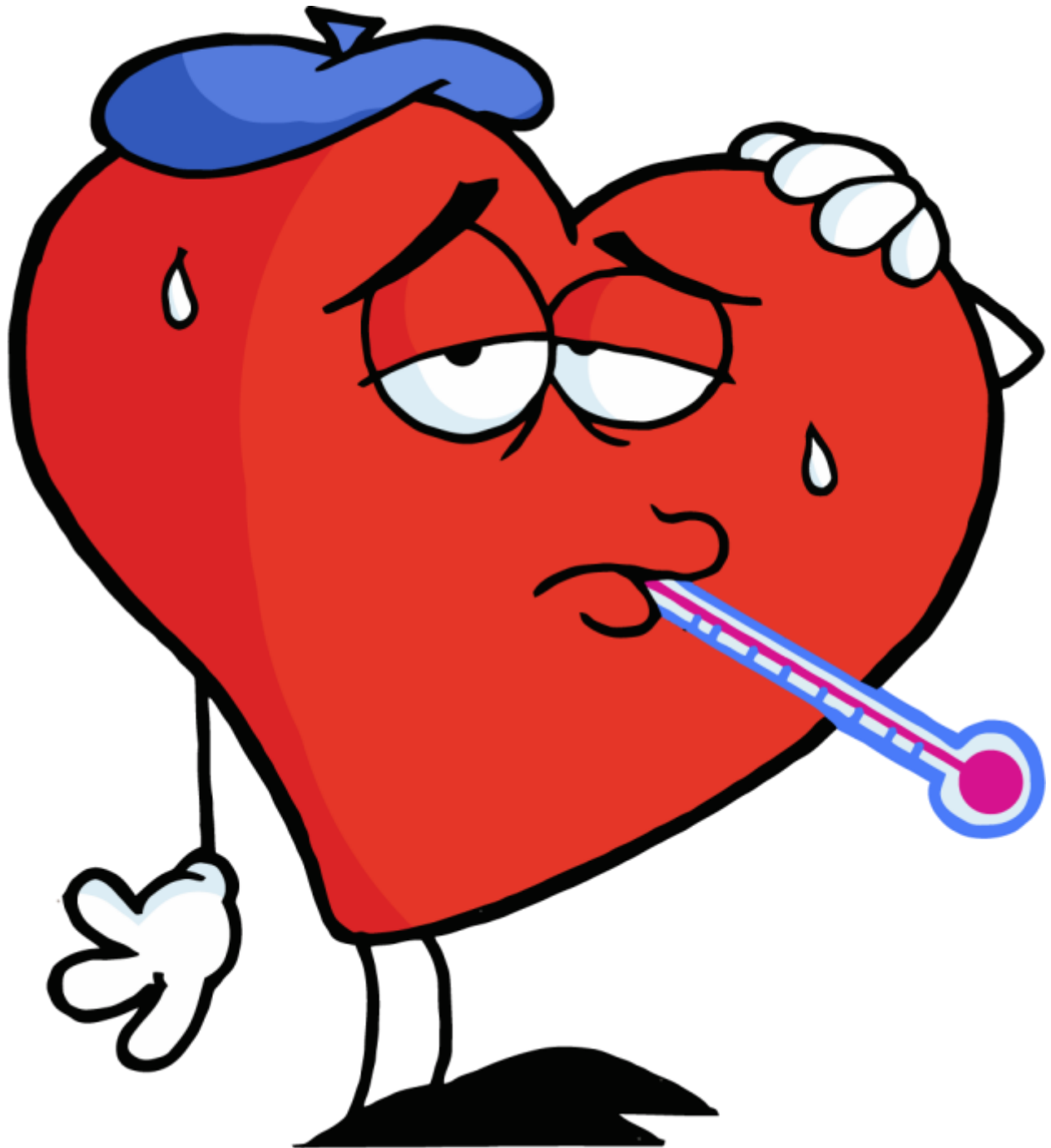




This half term for phonics we will be continuing to work on our phase 1 skills. We are now using this song at the start of our phonics sessions: [Phonics Song 2 \(new ZED version\) - YouTube](#) , which demonstrates how to pronounce each sound correctly.

For number we are moving on to using the Numberblocks as the base for our sessions.

## Absence



If your child is unwell and will not be attending a session please ring the absence line on 01787 280143, stating your child's name, class and the reason they will not be in. Please note that these messages do not always reach the classroom on the day you ring, so you are also welcome to message us on ClassDojo.

If your child will not be attending their normal sessions for any other reason we would be grateful if you could let us know.

## General reminders



- We go outside whatever the weather, so please make sure your child has suitable items to wear (coat, hat, gloves, etc.).
- Please ensure footwear is safe for all activities, including climbing and riding bikes.
- We are a nut-free school, so please check items in your child's packed lunch carefully.
- If your child is having grapes in their lunchbox please cut these in half lengthways.
- If you need one-off additional sessions for your child please contact us - these are charged privately and must be paid for before the session. We will check availability and let you know if we can accommodate your request.