 **Explorers’ Spring 2 Newsletter **

Dear Parents,

This half term our Mini Adventure is all about ‘Colours’. We will be exploring the colours in our World and we will be inspiring the children in the beginning with the Elmer stories. We have lots of exciting colour exploration activities planned which focus on the areas of Expressive Arts and Design and Understanding the World as well as linking into all of the other areas of learning too. In Communication, Language and Literacy we are focussing on communicating to others in small groups then to larger audiences. We will also be encouraging the children to use their descriptive skills to describe a variety of objects using amazing adjectives and this is something you can do at home too. As you will see from the Maths Time to Shine we are focusing on Capacity and Measure, this is also an area that you can help and support your child with at home when cooking, baking, talking about the size of objects and what they might measure/hold. We will introduce the children to standard measures, however it’s really important that they understand that we can measure with anything, pencils, teddys etc. The bath is a great place to explore the capacity of different containers and you can talk about full, half full, empty, more, less etc. Have fun!!

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 **Important Dates for your Diary**

**Friday 8th March** we will be taking part in our annual Poetry Recital

**Tuesday 12th March** we will be having an Open Morning for Nursery and Reception parents. This session will enable you to come and join your child in their learning, have some fun and enjoy a variety of activities.

**Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March -** Parents Consultations for Nursery and Reception parents

On **Tuesday 26th March** visit to Seven Stories. If your child is not normally in on this day we would love them to join us. A letter with further details will be following soon.

If you have any questions or queries please come and see us!

**The Explorers Team**

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