



Butterflies Newsletter – Happy New Year!

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, making special memories with your children and families. It has been lovely hearing from the children about what they've been up to.

A warm welcome to the children who have joined us from **Bumblebees class**—they have all settled beautifully into the Butterflies routine.



Winter Fun

What a chilly start to the year! The children have loved playing and exploring the snow this week.



Important Reminders

- **Label all clothing and belongings** to help us keep track of items.
- Please ensure your child has everything they need for cold weather.

We go outside all year round, and the garden is open throughout the session.

Suggested items:

- Warm coat
- Hat
- Gloves or mittens
- Scarf
- Waterproof boots or wellies
- Extra layers if needed



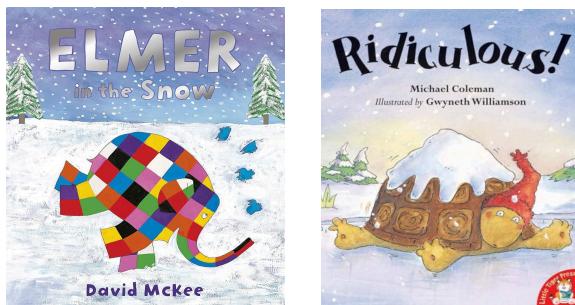
Story Groups

In Butterflies, we have **differentiated story groups** tailored to each child's developmental stage:

- **Squirrel** – Longer stories for our oldest children
- **Hedgehog** – Shorter stories with props and story sacks
- **Rabbit** – Building attention and listening skills
- **Badger** – Supporting speech, language, and communication
- **Fox** – Home-time group for 9–2 children, focusing on attention and social communication
- **Owls** – Sensory stories brought to life through tactile experiences

This week's stories:

- **Squirrels:** *Elmer in the Snow* and *Ridiculous!*



- **Hedgehogs:** *The Gruffalo's Child* and *The Gingerbread Man*



- **Badgers:** *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?*
- **Foxes:** *The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and The Big Hungry Bear*
- **Rabbits:** Fireworks theme celebrating the New Year
- **Owls:** Interactive sensory story exploring sounds, sights, smells, tastes, and textures of a winter walk

These are all lovely stories you can enjoy at home too!

 **Questions or Comments?**

Please speak to your child's key person or email Steph at S.Venier@lanterns.hants.sch.uk and your message will be passed on.

Warm regards,
The Butterflies Team