



Reception Class Newsletter

Thank-you!

Thank-you to those parents who have volunteered to help in the classroom over the last few weeks. The children have loved their visits from the mystery readers too.

Sharing information and contributing to assessment

Thanks so much for all your contributions via Tapestry. It is a great tool for creating a community between teachers and home. It is good practice in EYFS to involve parents in assessment and learning, so please keep a look out for messages!

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. We hope you all had a good half-term break and are now ready for a busy time ahead as we prepare for Christmas! The children have all settled really well into school life and are now well established at following the routines of the rest of the school. Please find following some information, reminders and a summary of what the children will be learning about this half-term.

New morning procedure

Please feel free to take advantage of the school's morning 'stop and drop' facility. Miss Rossi runs a sticker reward system for those children who are confident to start this new routine! There is a volunteer to help your child out of the car and guide them into school.

Dropping off and picking up

Please can you make sure you come around the outside of the school past the year 2 and year 3 classrooms to reach the Reception class rather than walking past the office and through the corridor.

Playdoh rota

Mrs Horton made a great big batch of playdough last term! We need some more. If you are able to make a batch, please send it in with your child (lots of recipes online and no allergies within the class for playdough ingredients). This is a huge help to us and is a great benefit for the children to have regular fresh playdoh. As we approach Christmas you may like to think about adding some glitter – it looks fabulous!

Topics

This term's topic is a cross-curricular approach around the theme of "It's A Party". Our topic work will include, exploring celebrations, traditional tales and our Christian value this term is kindness and compassion. We shall also be celebrating Black history month and will be taking part in anti-bullying week.

We will begin by learning a story called Squash and a Squeeze.

The second half of this half-term will be devoted to preparing for the Christmas Celebrations. We will focus on 'The Christmas Story' and complement this with a range of Christmas craft activities. We shall be also looking at how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

Numeracy

Last term, we focused on understanding numbers 0-5, subitising and a greater understanding of how numbers are composed. This term, we will continue with understanding numbers between 5-10 and developing our mathematical vocabulary.

Home corner area

We are hoping to enhance our role play area with party themed decorations. If anyone has any bunting, paper party plates, streamers you wouldn't mind donating to us please do send them in. As we move towards December this will change to a Christmas themed home corner. We would love to have a small Christmas tree that could sit on the side in our classroom. If anyone has one they would be willing to let us have please let me know.

Literacy

This half-term we will be continuing to learn our letter sounds following the Jolly Phonics Scheme. This is the foundation for first reading and it is a vital element in all future work in this area of learning. We focus on the sound of the letters rather than the name, so that the children can develop the skill of sounding out new words for reading.

We will learn 5 new letter sounds a week and focus on a broad range of activities to secure and extend this learning, differentiated to meet the needs of all children in the class.

It is essential that you encourage your child to read regularly at home and share their book with you. Choose a time when you have time, so that you can read together and talk about the book you have shared in a relaxed environment. Reading ideally every day is our homework expectation for Reception.

Please see our new Autumn Term 2 Reception overview for full information on all the exciting learning that will be taking place this term. These will be in your child's book bags.

Please feel free to speak to any of the Reception Class team at anytime.

Kindest regards,

The Reception Class team

Mrs Kathryn Munday and the EYFS team.