

Reception



Autumn 2 Reception Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Each half term we will send out a newsletter to keep you informed of the half term ahead in Reception. The children have settled back into school very well after the half term break.

Last half term we concentrated on:

- Getting to know the children and supporting them in getting to know each other.
- Helping the children understand the routine of the days and weeks.
- Supporting the children in understanding the expectations of their behaviour at school.
- Looking at the skills and knowledge the children already have and then deciding on their next steps for their learning.
- Began to develop our phonic skills-sounds, sounding out and blending.



This half term we will continue with our 'All about me' topic. We will with this topic together and the children's interests provide learning opportunities across the 7 areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum. Please see our topic web on our website. The 2 books we are using to focus our learning are 'The Gruffalo' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

This half term we will also:

- Continue with learning the alphabet sounds in our phonic lessons.
- Learn about the different celebrations and festivals that take place over the coming months.
- Begin to rehearse our Christmas performance.



How you can help at home:

- Read lots of different kinds of books at home.
- Visit the library to look at/take out books.
- Play I-Spy.
- Look for numbers in the environment e.g. magazines, house numbers, food packaging.
- Practice reading and writing own name and those in the family.
- Play games at home that encourage turn taking and sharing.
- Encourage your child to tidy up on a regular basis and to be responsible for 'jobs' in the home.
- Encourage the children to talk about what they have done at school.
- Encourage your children at home to dress and undress independently.
- Sing lots of nursery rhymes and songs that involve numbers and counting e.g. 'Once I Caught a Fish Alive', 'Ten Green Bottles', 'Ten Fat Sausages' etc.



Useful Websites:

- [Cbeebies-https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies)
- [Crickweb-http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html](http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html)
- [Primarygamesarena-http://primarygamesarena.com/Years/EYFS](http://primarygamesarena.com/Years/EYFS)
- [BusyThings \(requires subscription\)-http://www.busythings.co.uk/](http://www.busythings.co.uk/)



E-Safety

- Make sure your children only use the internet when there is an adult present.
- Encourage your children to let an adult know if they see something on the screen they are unsure with.
- CEOP website for lots of E-Safety information-<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Other Notes



- Please check your child's school bag for notes, letters and your child's work at school.
- For PE, please keep practicing getting dressed and undressed at home, especially undoing and doing buttons.
- When it's your child's birthday they are welcome to bring in a treat to share with the class such as individual cupcakes or party bags (not too many sweets please). We can **NOT** accept whole cakes as they take time to cut and organise. We are a no nut school so please consider this when sending in cakes.
- If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea they must stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode. This is extremely important to prevent illnesses spreading to other children and staff. Please encourage your children to wash their hands by themselves.
- Don't forget to fill in the yellow reading diary so that we know you have read with your child.
- Home learning goes home each Friday, please bring in by the following Friday.
- Story books also go home each Friday. Please keep them until the following Friday then they will be changed. If the book does not come back then a new book cannot be taken.



Thank you for your continued support

Best Wishes

The Reception Team