Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 2- 2026

We would like to welcome everyone back after a fantastic first half-term in Reception. We hope that you have had enjoyed your half term break. The children really enjoyed learning all about themselves, their family and people from other cultures last half term. Please ensure that your child bring in their book bag with their books and a coat into school every day.

Topic

Let's Celebrate!

This half term we will be learning about what people celebrate around the world and how they celebrate special occasions. The children will learn about their own celebrations as well as the celebrations of other cultures.

Also, we will be getting ready for Christmas and our Nativity performance that will be at the end of the half term.

English

This half term we will be looking at a variety of books linked to our whole class topic. These books will include *We're Going on a Bear Hunt and Stick Man.*

We will explore different books and discuss key events in stories. The children will learn about the different features of a book, such as the title, author and illustrator. We will also discuss different characters thoughts and feelings at specific events in stories. We encourage children to share their thoughts on books so that we can better understand the types of books that they enjoy engaging with.

Phonics



In Phonics this half term we will be continuing with our rocket phonics sounds.

We will also be looking at segmenting and blending our letters and sounds. We will be using this to complete our phonics work books and helping us to read and write words.

Follow the following link to view rocket phonics sounds at home. **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zX7dmuB4fNg**

Phonics games

https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-1 has fun games that your child can play online to help them with this at home.

Mathematics



In mathematics this half term we will be exploring the numbers 1-5. We will be finding, representing and subitising the numbers 1-5.

We will also be exploring shapes with 4 sides. The children will compare squares and rectangles and look at finding different shapes in the environment.





Number blocks is a useful tool to assist your child in their understanding of numbers. These resources can be found on BBC iPlayer.



Now the weather is getting colder please ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat, hat and gloves in school every day. Please label everything with your child's name.

We also have a large number of children who haven't brought in a pair of wellington boots. Please send some in as soon as possible so your child can experience outdoors in all weathers. As we get lots of wet socks in the winter months please ensure your child has spare socks in their book bags.

Useful websites

Please find below a list of useful websites for you to explore with your child.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk – free games from the phase 1 section.

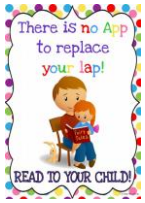
www.topmarks.co.uk – use the early years section to explore different areas of learning.



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

We still have a small number of parents who haven't accessed Tapestry. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need any assistance accessing these.

Remember to share with us your child's achievements on Tapestry. This could be them learning to ride a bike, a special picture or something they have made. Please share what you can as the children love to share these pictures with the class.



Reading

Please remember to read with your child every night. Your child needs repetition to be able to begin reading on their own. Library books will be changed weekly. You can share this library book with your child and discuss what has happened in the book and try to predict what will happen next. Please bring their book bag into school every day.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to your child's class teacher or contact them on Dojo.