


Reception Year – Term 2 Information



We hope you had an enjoyable autumn break. The new term has already started in earnest and it has been fantastic to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm. The week started with some creative activities linked to the Hindu festival of Diwali. Forest schools was next on the agenda, (the weather treated us relatively well), followed by a focus on the celebration of Bonfire Night. At the time of writing, there have already been some incredible interpretations of fireworks, using a variety of equipment, including Lego, 2d shapes, junk modelling materials, paint, glitter, pens and pencils. Please do remember that we have an open-door policy and we are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Our learning this term

Our daily routine remains the same with several short periods of adult-led teaching on the carpet, followed by longer periods of child-initiated play opportunities where the children can put this new learning into action. There are a variety of resources that are always available for the children to use. Alongside our focused Literacy or Maths activity that every child will complete each week, enhancements are also added to the environment, based around our focused texts or the children's own interests. The children continue to take part in daily phonics lessons and are beginning to blend the sounds they have learnt to read new words, short phrases and sentences. In Maths, we will be learning to recognise, represent, order, compare and understand the composition of each number to 10.

Mrs Smith has started this half term with some weaving in Art, which is a fantastic opportunity to develop the children's fine motor skills. This, in turn, supports their ability to use scissors and hold a pen/pencil for drawing and writing. Mrs Brookes will once again be teaching our music lessons each week. The children will use their listening skills to explore sound, their voices and rhythm, responding to music in their own way. Our P.E. focus for this half term is to learn how to jump and land safely in a variety of ways, linking jumping with running, all with developing coordination. We will also be learning about the Christian faith in our R.E. lessons, particularly the Christian celebration of Christmas, ready for our traditional Nativity. More details will follow soon.

Key Information

- Reading books that your child brings home for you to share with them will continue to be changed weekly. We have started to receive deliveries of books that your child will be able to read to you and hope to have these ready to send home soon. Your child will receive two books each week and these will be changed on the same day as their general reading book. Please do write a comment in your child's reading record about these books alongside any other books that they read too.
- We will also be sending home phonics cards after each set we complete. Please keep an eye out for them in your child's books bag. These can be used to support your child at home with blending and segmenting activities or as flashcards. Details of a phonics workshop that will explain more about how we teach this area of the curriculum at Bridge will follow this newsletter.
- PE will continue to be on a Friday and your child should be wearing their PE kit to school. As the days get colder, please feel free to send your child in wearing a pair of dark blue/black tracksuit bottoms instead of shorts!
- The next two sessions of Forest Schools for Miss. Goddard's class, (RKG) will be on a Tuesday morning, 15th and 29th November. The next two sessions for Mr. Redpath's class (RGR) will be on a Wednesday morning, 16th and 30th November. Please refer to our previous Forest Schools letter for recommendations of suitable clothing. Hats, gloves and scarves will also be useful as we hope to have the children outside in all weather conditions.