

Reception Weekly Updates.

Week ending 25th October

Thank you for a wonderful first half term! The children have settled in very nicely and they are now confident with our routines. It has been lovely to see the progress they have made and we are very excited to see where this journey takes us. All the children are very tired and I am sure they are ready for a relaxing half term to recharge their batteries.

Books

We hope you are enjoying the children's library books! Please remember, these are for you to read to your child, we are not expecting them to read these to you. Just a reminder to leave your child's library book in their book bag, we will take them out when we visit the library. Unfortunately, we cannot allow the children to take another book if they haven't returned their previous book.

Thank you to all those parents who have been reading at home! Remember, being repetitive at this age is the best way to secure a child's learning so re-reading a book is a good thing. However you can extend this further by working together to create alternative endings or other adventures that could be had. This is a brilliant way of getting more out of their practice.

Passwords for Bug Club should now be in reading diaries so please do use this wonderful resource at home alongside reading your child's reading book. We can track how many times a book is read and if the questions are answered.

After half term we will have had a look at who has been on Bug Club. If you are struggling to gain access, please talk to us and we can help. This is especially important to do over the half term as there are more books available for you. To access, just type www.activelearnprimary.co.uk into a search engine and put your child's details in, which can be found in the front of their reading books.

Phonics

In Phonics this week we have been learning the sounds i, n, m, d. The children have worked amazingly hard at learning the sounds, thinking of words that start with those sounds and learning to blend sounds together to read a word with a teacher. We have been reading with children and using story language to talk about the story.

Remember to cut up the sounds and use them as flashcards to practice the sounds daily at home. Practice makes perfect!

Maths

This week we have been learning all about shapes! We have been focussing on circles, squares, rectangles and triangles. We have been learning to identify them, name them and begin to describe them, for example a square has 4 corners and 4 sides that are all the same length'. We have made shape pictures, used shape stamps and shape cutters with playdough, been on a shape hunt and so much more! Here are some more ideas to try at home:

- Spotting shapes in the environment
- Counting how many sides and corners each shape has
- Comparing sizes of the same shape
- Making shape pictures

Half Term Fun

After half term, we will continue to learn about Autumn time and the change that happens to our environment. Your child will have a paper bag inside their book bag. Please use this to collect any natural autumnal items you might find on your adventures. This could be conkers, pine cones or an array of beautifully coloured leaves. This can then be brought back into school after half term for us to look at.

We will also be recalling our experiences of fireworks so if your child could bring in a photograph of them experiencing this then that would also be wonderful.

General

This week we said goodbye to Mrs Brown who has begun her maternity leave. It has been wonderful for all the children to get to know her and we will miss her very much! After half term, Miss Wheble will be returning to Hedgehog Class and will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Cook shall continue to teach Hedgehog Class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We are very excited to have her back and welcome her into our Year R team.

Dates for your diary

Last day of half term – Friday 25th October

Inset day – Monday 4th November

Back to school – Tuesday 5th November

Happy Bag Collection – 8th November

Autumn Parents Evening – Wednesday 20th November & Thursday 21st November – More information to follow regarding booking.

Year R, 1 2 & 3 – Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 15th November

Nativity Dress Rehearsal (SCHOOL ONLY) – Monday 16th December

Year R Nativity – Tuesday 17th December (10:00am) and Wednesday 18th December (10:00am)

Year R Christmas Disco – Wednesday 18th December (2:00pm – 3:00pm)

Christmas lunch – Thursday 19th December

Last day of school – Friday 20th December

Thank you for all for your support.

The Year R Team

Mrs Cook Head of Year R	Mrs Brown Year R Teacher	Miss Gill Year R Teacher	Miss Ellis Professional Teaching Partner	Miss Lee Professional Teaching Partner
Hedgehogs	Hedgehogs	Ladybirds	Ladybirds	Hedgehogs