

# Reception Newsletter

## Middleton Parish Church School

Autumn 1 2022

### Phonics

This half term in phonics we will be starting our Phase 2 phonics learning. During this phase we will learn a new sound each day, starting with the sounds s, a, t and p. Keep an eye out on Class Dojo for a weekly update on which sounds we have been learning. We will be reading and writing simple cvc words such as cat, dog, map, and got, as well as learning to read the tricky words I, the, to, no, go, into and of. Please encourage your child to practice their sound recognition as often as possible.

### Literacy

In Literacy, we will be using a different book each fortnight to inspire our learning across the curriculum. We will be starting with 'The Colour Monster' as the children settle into school life. We will then move onto 'Owl Babies' and books about autumn.

### Outdoor Shoes

To ensure all children can engage fully in our outdoor provision, we ask that each child has a pair of wellies that are left in school. These will be used for daily outdoor access and during Forest School sessions. Ideally, we ask that both wellies are clearly marked with your child's name.



### Understanding the World

This half term we will be learning all about autumn. We will go on an autumn hunt and look for signs of autumn.

As October is Black History Month, we will be learning about influential black people, including Usain Bolt. We will use non-fiction texts to find out information about Usain Bolt.



### Reading

#### Story time

At the end of every day, we all participate in a class story time. This is a wonderful end to a busy day and provides a calm transition from school to home. Story time is an important aspect of our reading curriculum and is a vital aspect of developing young children's language skills.

#### Reading Books and GOREad!

Starting in week 3, children will bring home a reading book. This book will be matched to the current phonics teaching and learning, and will only contain sounds and words that the children have been taught so far. They will also bring home a 'share together book' which we hope you can enjoy together as a family.

These books should come into school and back home each day to maximise reading opportunities. Your child will also bring home 'tricky words' to practise and cards for each new phoneme that is taught. Adults in school will read with all children at least once a week. We ask that children read at home daily.

All reading should be recorded on GOREad in order for children to earn maximum gems! Problem words or phonemes can be added on GoRead.



### Contacting Us

If you need to talk to Mrs Briggs, Miss Hoyle or Mrs Jenkins, please do not hesitate to send us an email.

Our class email address is

[reception@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:reception@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk)

As we teach full time, it may take up to 5 days for us to reply. If you need to pass on a message in an emergency, please contact the school office.

If you need to update contact details, allergy/medical information etc, you can email the school office.

The school office email is

[office@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk)

Sometimes families need a little extra support with things such as housing, employment, emotional well-being and parenting. Our Engagement and Inclusion team are here to help, including signposting families to services outside of school. Should you need it, the team's email is

[EandI@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:EandI@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk)

### Parents' Evening

This half term we will have a face to face Parents' Evening on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We will also be holding an online Parents' Evening for anyone who cannot attend face to face. This will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Links to the booking system will be emailed to all parents, so please keep an eye out for this.

### P.E and Forest School

P.E and Forest School is on a Tuesday for EYFS. Children should wear their PE uniform on a Tuesday and have their wellies in school ready to use.

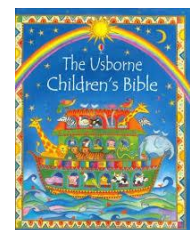
### PSHE

Our HeartSmart topic this half term is 'Get HeartSmart.' In this topic we will be thinking about how we can be heartsmart and why it is important to be heartsmart.



### Religious Education

Our topic in R.E is 'I am special.' We will learn that we are loved, valued and made by God.



### Maths

In maths this half term, we will be thinking about patterns and creating our own repeating patterns using resources we find outside on our autumn hunt.



We will also be practising our subitising skills (knowing how many are there without counting them). We will recognise quantities of 1, 2 and 3 in different arrangements without counting them.

