

Reception Newsletter

Middleton Parish Church School

Autumn 1 2023

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 this half term, children will bring home a reading book. This book will be matched to the child's current phonics 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/Boom Reader, log in details will be sent home in due course.



Early Reading Information Session for Parents/Carers

We will be hosting an information session this half term to explain how we teach early reading at Parish, and how you can support your child at home. This session will take place on Wednesday 4th October at 3.30pm. Keep an eye out on Class Dojo for further information.

Contacting Us

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

Our class email address is

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

P.E and Forest School

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

Our PE uniform consists of a red tshirt, grey hoodie/jacket, grey jogging bottoms or black shorts and black trainers.

Labelling

Please ensure all belongings are labelled with your child's name, this includes book bags, water bottles, coats, trainers, shoes, wellies and all items of clothing.

Book bags and bottles

Book bags and water bottles should be sent into school every day. Please only fill your child's bottle with water.

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.

