

Reception Newsletter

Middleton Parish Church School

Spring 1 2023

Phonics

This half term we will be starting our Phase 3 phonics learning. During this phase we will learn lots more new sounds, digraphs and trigraphs. A digraph has 2 letters but only makes 1 sound, for example **ai**, **ee**, and **oa**. A trigraph has 3 letters but only makes one sound, for example **igh**, **ear** and **air**. We will learn to read and write words and simple captions containing all the sounds and key words we have learnt so far, including our new digraphs and trigraphs.

Literacy

In Literacy, we will be using a different book each fortnight to inspire our learning across the curriculum. We will be starting our literacy learning with the story Snow Bears, before moving on to the non-fiction book, What can you see in Winter?

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 about Winter, Chinese New Year and Shrove Tuesday.

We will explore the seasonal changes that Winter brings, exploiting the opportunities that our forest school provides.

We will learn about the customs and traditions surrounding Chinese New Year and enjoy tasting some delicious Chinese food.

Towards the end of the half term, we will learn about why we have Pancake day and maybe even enjoy another tasty treat!

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. The books we share during story time are voted for by the children throughout the day. At the end of each day, we count the votes and winning story is the one we share.

Reading Books and Boom Reader

All children will now start to bring home 2 reading books each week. These books will be changed every Monday. One book will be matched to the current phonics teaching and learning, and only contains sounds and words that the children have been taught so far. The second book will recap earlier learning and children should find this easier to read, which will help to develop their reading fluency. Children will continue to 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 a word list 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 Boom Reader, formally known as GORed. If you are having problems accessing this app, please ask one of the EYFS team for help.

Contacting Us

If you need to talk to Mrs Briggs, Miss Hoyle or Mrs Thomas, 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

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

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place this half term, on Wednesday 15th February. Further information will follow.

P.E and Forest School

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

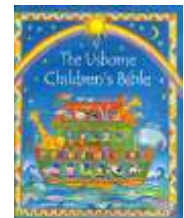
PSHE

Our HeartSmart topic this half term is 'Too much selfie isn't healthy.' In this topic we will be thinking about who we love and care for and how we show affection to them. We will also be looking at how others share their feelings and the ways in which we can show we care.



Religious Education

Our RE Topic this half term is 'Stories Jesus Heard.' We will explore four parables found in the Old Testament and discuss what we can learn from these.



Maths

In maths this half term, we will be exploring the composition of 5, 6 and 7 and representing these quantities in different ways.

We will encourage the children to compare amounts and objects, discussing what is similar and what is different.

Linking to our learning on Chinese New Year, we will focus on the language of order such as first, second and third, to discuss the story of the Great Race, which tells us how each year was named after an animal.

