



# Reception Term 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a happy and safe break. We are excited for another fun-filled term full of lots of exciting learning opportunities. We are focusing on the following texts and tales this term which link to our overarching theme of 'Wonderful World':



Week 1: There's a Dinosaur in your book.

Week 2: The Odd Egg

Week 3: Little Red Hen

Week 4: Jack and the Beanstalk

Week 5: We're going on an Egg Hunt

Week 6: The Very Hungry Caterpillar

## Literacy:

We continue to encourage children to practise the correct tripod pencil grip and to use a sound mat to support their writing. We will continue to practise forming lower case letters correctly and start to form capital letters. We will write sentences with initial and final sounds and other recognisable sounds and spell some tricky words. We will encourage the use of finger spaces between words.

## Maths:

In our maths lessons and adult-led groups, the children will be learning to add and subtract numbers and will learn the addition, subtraction and equals signs. We will continue to count forwards and backwards and recognise the features of 2D and 3D shapes.

## PE / Physical Development

Our whole class PE session will be on a **Wednesday afternoon** in the Sports Hall. In PE, our focus will be Gymnastics. We will be learning to take flight, and we will practise our bouncing, jumping and landing skills.

## Outdoor Learning

In Reception, we learn both indoors and outside, and we will be outside during all weathers (providing it is safe to do so). On our Welly Walks we will be looking for signs of spring and talking about the seasonal changes that we can see in our local environment.

## Online Safety:

We will continue to teach children about keeping safe online during our computing lessons. This term our focus will be on rules that help keep us safe and healthy in and beyond the home when using technology.

## Reading and Homework

The children are really impressing us in school with their reading and we are sure that you will be impressed, too! Please login to your child's Collins account to access their eBook that they have been practising in school. We ask that you read this book a minimum of once per week and record this in your child's reading record. The children will also bring home a reading for pleasure book which you can read in addition to the eBook. We ask children to read a minimum of 5 times per week. The number of reads are counted in school each week and prizes for every 25 reads are rewarded in our celebration assemblies.

We encourage children to share their new learning with their families, so phonics homework will be sent home every **Friday** and should be returned on a **Wednesday**. This will allow you to support your child at home and see what great learning they have been doing. We will also be sending home some letter formation practise from this term, so please support your child with this, too.

## Celebration Assembly

Please join us to celebrate our successes during the celebration assemblies on Friday mornings on Teams from 9am. We will celebrate children's academic learning, values-based successes and reading achievements. If your child has an out-of-school achievement, please do let us know.

Thank you for your continued support; we look forward to sharing another fantastic term with you and your children.

Reception team.

### Meet the team

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