



Reception Term 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year to you and your families! We hope that you all had a happy and safe Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming the children back and hearing all about their holidays. 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 'Mission Impossible':



- Week 1: We're Going On A Bear Hunt
- Week 2: Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Week 3: Pirate Pete
- Week 4: The Night Pirates
- Week 5: A Little Bit Brave
- Week 6: Little Red Riding Hood

Literacy:

We are encouraging children to practise the correct tripod pencil grip at all times, and we are moving on to children being able to write two word phrases independently (e.g. the cat or a dog). We are also encouraging children to retell and act out familiar stories and tales.

Maths:

In our maths lessons and adult-led groups, the children will be learning to subitise amounts on a tens frame. We will also be teaching the skills of addition and subtraction from numbers to 5 using maths rhymes and resources. We will also explore the concept of 'wholes' and 'parts' as well as play maths games such as pairs and snap.

PE / Physical Development

Cycling groups will continue to be on a **Monday** and our whole class PE session are changing from Term 3 and will be on a **Wednesday afternoon** in the Sports Hall. In PE, we will be focusing on developing fine motor skills through games and activities within each lesson.

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). Please also ensure that your child has named wellington boots for our weekly welly walks.

Online Safety:

We will continue to teach children about keeping safe online during our computing lessons. This term our focus is what an online reputation is and how to stay safe online.

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. Please contact your child's class teacher if you require another copy of their login details. 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.

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 a fantastic term with you all.

Reception team.

Meet the team

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