



Reception Parent Newsletter



KEY LEARNING THIS HALF TERM	OUR READING TEXTS	WRITING	MATHS
<p>This half term we will be reading stories about celebrations; such as Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Birthdays, Weddings and Christmas. We will be comparing celebrations and discussing why they are similar and different.</p> <p>Children have been re-assessed for Phonics, so may have moved groups, we will send out the new groups via Class Dojo. Children will now either bring a Ditty Story home (A4 sheet of paper) or a blending book.</p>	<p>The key focus texts that we will access during our reading mornings will be: One Fox, Little Glow and The Woodcutter and the Snow Prince.</p> <p>During our reading sessions we will be listening to stories to develop our understanding, learning and using new vocabulary and retelling the story. We will also be learning what nouns and verbs are.</p>	<p>We will continue to write CVC words and will begin to start writing short sentences, that are phonetically correct.</p> <p>Children will continue to practice spelling their name and will be encouraged to write this on any activity they complete.</p>	<p>This half term your child will be exploring circles and triangles, their properties and shapes in the environment.</p> <p>The number focus will be numbers 1-5. In this unit your child will learn to recognise each number, calculate the total of one more and one less and be able to identify its composition.</p>
WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME	MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING		EVENTS IN SCHOOL/KEY DATES FOR RECEPTION
<p>One of the best ways to support your child at home is to share a book together every night. Talk about the pictures, the characters, the events and the setting. Discuss the vocabulary and make predictions about what might happen next.</p> <p>We will continue to send out weekly phonics videos for your child to practise in their spare time.</p> <p>We will post regularly on class dojo with updates on our learning, take the time to talk together about this and engage with our posts.</p>	<p>Please be mindful that the run up to Christmas whilst being exciting can also be very busy and stressful for all involved. There are lots of activities going on and children will naturally be tired. Where possible we recommend sticking to a routine.</p> <p>For more information on bedtimes and sleeping: https://www.betterhealthatworkaward.org.uk/The%20Good%20Night%20Guide%20for%20Children.pdf</p> <p>We recommend no screens before bed, a bath or shower and story together.</p> <p>If you are struggling with any aspect of starting school or would like any help, advice or just a chat please speak to your child's teacher, Miss Bartle (Assistant Headteacher) or Mrs Stringwell (Learning Mentor). We are all more than happy to help.</p>		<p>All parents and carers are welcome to celebrate our learning, in and out of school, at our Friday assembly. Please enter through the main entrance after drop off where we will be pleased to welcome you into school, with refreshments. Mrs Mason, Miss Bartle and Mrs Stringwell are all around at this time.</p> <p>During this half term, Christmas jumper day and the Christmas fair will be on 7th December. EYFS will be performing a nativity play on December 19th at 2pm. We will also be having a party for the reception children in the afternoon of December 22nd.</p>