



+ Welcome Back

Hope you have had a great Christmas break!

Happy New Year everyone! This newsletter is a general overview of what's going on in Reception.

We will email this out to you every half term and put it up in the noticeboard outside Reception.

What will we be getting up to in the next few weeks?

We will only take out and change school library books on Mondays – So ideally, only send them in on Mondays please.

Make sure that your child has some warm layers for outdoor learning this half term (hats, gloves, extra socks etc). The cold is the main reason they get put off learning outdoors and we will be learning outside every day.

Please continue to send in your child's reading book everyday (even if they haven't read with you at home).



Key Worker changes for Spring term

Your child's key worker for this term will be

There may be a change to your child's key worker but their class teacher will remain the same (either Mrs Brogden or Miss Innes).

What's on this term

09.01.18 Little Kickers Running for the next 5 Tuesdays during our P.E sessions.

22.01.2018 Parent phonics session (please see separate letter for further information)

24.01.2018 Parent phonics session (please see separate letter for further information)

09.02.2018 Valentine's Disco

19.02.2018 Parents Evening (Days TBC)

26.02.2018 Book week

01.03.2018 World Book Day



Please label every bit of clothing your child wears for school. Even hats, gloves and shoes!

If you have any spare wellies that your child does not use- please bring them in to school, we need lots more for outdoor learning!

Secret Storyteller

Does anyone in your family want to be our Secret Storyteller for Reception Class at about 2.50pm on a Thursday afternoon? Let Mrs Brogden or Miss Innes know (very secretly) that you or someone you know is interested and what dates you are available. It would be fantastic to have more males (Dads/Grandads) come into to school too. Also, if you have any relatives with really interesting professions – we always welcome visits to talk about jobs, as the children get a great deal of learning out of this... especially when it is someone they know!

The Reception staff would like to say a big well done to all of the children for a fantastic Christmas Nativity. We were incredibly proud of all of them.

They were truly magnificent!

We would like to extend a thank you to all of the parents who sourced and gathered costumes for our 'Wriggly Nativity'.

PLEASE KEEP
SENDING IN
ANY
RESOURCES
WE COULD
USE IN OUR
SCRAP
MATERIAL/
JUNK
MODELLING
AREA!

Home Journals

Please keep encouraging your child to make an entry in their home journal. Adding pictures and allowing your child to make their own marks (drawing or writing) shows us what they like to get up to. We share their home journals during a small group carpet time and the children love to chat and explain to their friends what is going on.

Wow Moments

Please fill out one of these WOW moments whenever your child does something that makes you smile. These moments will be added to your children's learning journey.

What the Reception Classes will be up to in the next few weeks.....

PHONICS & READING

We will be continuing to split the children into different groups to learn initial letter sounds. Some of the children will start applying their phonics by reading Ditty books allowing them to embed segmenting and blending. Just in case you aren't sure, this means they will break words up into the sounds of each letter and recombine those sounds to find the word. Please see our phonics brochure for more information.

MATHEMATICS

We will be using and securing our knowledge of numbers through counting reliably, saying which number is one more/one less and using quantities/objects to add and subtract. Also we will explore shape, space and measure by allowing the children to use everyday language to talk about size, weight and capacity to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems.

Other areas of the curriculum

We will continue to enhance our provision following the children's interests and creating opportunities for them to take their next steps in their learning journey.

Our door is always open...

As we get start in a new term, we just wanted to say that if you have any concerns or wish to discuss anything please come and speak to us. We will always make time to meet with you in order to support you and your child.

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