

Reception

Parent Newsletter  
Autumn 2015

Mrs Thompson  
Miss Plumb

A school where everyone shines.

Welcome back after the half term holiday!  
We hope you have all had a good rest and  
are ready for the busy half term leading  
up to Christmas!  
Here is what we will be learning ;



	<p><u>Learning Challenge—Why are there so many leaves on the ground?</u></p>
	<p>This week we have started our new learning challenge and have been out in the school grounds looking at leaves, throwing them up in the air and talking about their colours. Over the half term we will be exploring why leaves fall off trees and relating this back to the seasons in a year. We will be looking at leaves and comparing their size and shape, looking for signs of Autumn and learning about different animals that hibernate. We will be using our creative skills to experiment with colour mixing. We will also create Autumn music and dance like different animals. We will develop our ICT skills, using the mouse to click, drag and fill to create Autumn pictures.</p>
<p><u>Letters &amp; Sounds</u></p> 	<p>In letters and sounds we will be learning the remaining phase 2 sounds. We will practice our blending and segmenting skills to read and write words and captions. We will then assess the children's knowledge and application of letters and sounds to highlight their individual needs.</p>
<p><u>Literacy</u></p> 	<p>In reception we teach the children to read using the 3 special reading rules: say the sounds, listen to the sounds and push the sounds together. We will be using these rules to read words and captions and build up our confidence as readers. In writing activities we will be using our robot arms to "chop words up" and listen to their sounds. This will help us to write them in the correct order. We will also be practicing our letter formation and having fine motor sessions to help us to develop the correct pencil grip.</p>

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<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> 	<p>In <i>Number</i> we will be recognising and ordering numbers to 10, 15 &amp; 20. We will also be counting out amounts to 5, 10, 15 and 20. When we are secure with this, we will move on to finding 1 more, 1 less and combining groups of objects for addition.</p> <p>In <i>Shapes, Space and Measure</i> we will be learning how to compare weight, length, height and capacity and use the correct vocabulary to describe them. We will learn the names and vocabulary to describe 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be introducing o'clock times by dancing around to rock around the clock!</p>
<p><b>P.E</b></p> 	<p>Last half term we worked hard on travelling around using large and small bases of our bodies. We moved around like animals and tried holding balances for 3 seconds (or 3 elephants). This half term we will be applying our skills from last half term on the apparatus. We will be learning how to travel with confidence around, under, over and through the apparatus safely. We will then introduce jumping from low level apparatus to develop the skill of jumping and landing appropriately.</p> <p>We will be getting changed into PE kits this half term; please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times.</p>
<p><b>Christmas</b></p> 	<p>In December the Christmas celebrations will begin! We will be learning about the Christmas Story, making lots of festive creations and practising the Christmas play! This year our nativity is called 'A Miracle in Town'. We're going to share the story of the very first Christmas with you on <b>Tuesday 15th December</b>. Mrs Thompson's parents are invited to watch in the morning and Miss Plumb's parents are invited to watch in the afternoon. More information will follow later in the half term. We also plan to visit the local church to find out how Christians celebrate Christmas and share our own Christmas experiences. Parent volunteers will be needed to enable us to go, please speak to us if you think you can help us!</p>

Please see over for information about homework and general notices. If you are unsure about homework tasks or would like more information on subjects your child will be studying please ask your teachers for help. It is vital we work together to ensure your child's success.

How to help at home:

Thank you for all of your support during the first half term. We have included some helpful tips to help you to help your child below:

Reading - The children are becoming more confident with using picture clues and some will now be bringing books home that will challenge them to read words. Children should be reading every night at home and books are changed every other day. Please ensure that your child puts their book bag/book into the box every day and that you sign when your child has read their book.

There's a minion reasons to read!

From next Monday we will be starting The Minion Challenge reading competition. The challenges will start on a Monday and will run on a weekly basis. For each challenge completed children will receive a sticker, certificate or prize. Plus the class with the most bananas by Friday will receive a treat! Please see letter attached for more details.

Homework - This will continue to be handed out every Wednesday and needs to be returned by the following Monday. The activities will continue to be related to prior learning in class and will help your child to embed the skills.

General Notices

Parents evening will be on the 16th and 18th November 2015. This includes I.E.P. review meetings. Further details to follow.

Uniform

It is important that as well as trying our best we also look our best. Please make sure that the correct school uniform is worn - details can be seen on our website under 'Information - School Uniform and Dress Code'.

Attendance

Every lesson counts - please allow your child to develop by attending school each day. We hope you are all well and look forward to your support throughout the term.

The Reception Team