

Reception

Parent Newsletter
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Welcome back! We have a busy term ahead. Here is what we will be learning...

<u>Learning Challenge—Why are there so many leaves on the ground?</u>	
	<p>This term we are exploring the outdoors and learning about Autumn. We will be thinking about how the environment changes as we move into Autumn, looking at the colours and change in season. We will be finding out about different festivals and celebrations such as Halloween, Diwali and bonfire Night. We will also be learning about The First Christmas and rehearsing our Christmas Play.</p>
<p><u>Letters & Sounds</u></p> 	<p>The children have completed Phase 2 Letters and Sounds. We are assessing the children's phonics knowledge to establish the next steps in their individual learning. Some of the children are now ready to move onto Phase 3. They will be learning the next set of sounds and using them to read and spell simple words and captions. Some children will continue on Phase two to ensure that they have a secure understanding of the Phase Two sounds and skills before progressing to Phase Three.</p>
<p><u>Literacy</u></p> 	<p>In Literacy, we will be using our sounds to read and write simple words. We will be sharing lots of lovely stories including 'After the storm' and 'One Snowy Night' from the Percy the Park Keeper series and 'Stickman' The children will be retelling and sequencing stories using pictures and drama. The children will be writing some simple captions and sentences and of course a letter to Santa!</p>

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Subject	
<p data-bbox="118 156 264 181">Mathematics</p> 	<p data-bbox="302 152 1019 278">In maths, we will work on our counting and number recognition. We will be practising putting numbers 1 order and finding 1 more than a given number. The children will also be learning strategies to help them to complete simple addition and subtraction sentences.</p> <p data-bbox="302 304 1019 404">In shape, space and measures, we will be continuing to look at 2D and 3D shapes. We are also comparing things by their length or height and thinking about telling the time.</p>
<p data-bbox="170 413 212 438">P.E</p> 	<p data-bbox="302 409 1019 485">P.E will be on Tuesday for Sparkling Sunbeams and Thursday for Mighty Moonbeams. The children each need a named P.E kit.</p> <p data-bbox="302 488 1019 589">Last term we worked on exploring ways to travel and how to balance using different parts of our bodies. This term we will be using those skills to travel over, under and through apparatus.</p> <p data-bbox="302 593 1019 693">In addition to our P.E sessions, the children will continue to have a weekly multi-skills session on a Monday afternoon in which they will practise a range of skills.</p>
<p data-bbox="136 720 244 787">Outdoor Learning</p> 	<p data-bbox="302 717 1019 885">The children will be using the outdoor learning area daily, please make sure they have suitable footwear and a named coat. This term we will be exploring our school environment to answer our Learning Challenge- 'Why are there so many leaves on the ground?'</p> <p data-bbox="302 888 1019 972">The children will also take part in activities to help develop their gross motor skills which is crucial in developing their fine motor control.</p>
<p data-bbox="114 1028 271 1053">Special days</p>	<p data-bbox="302 1024 1019 1100">There are lots of celebrations and events this term. We will be talking about Bonfire Night and how to stay safe</p> <p data-bbox="302 1120 1019 1179">Christmas Play- we will be performing our Christmas Play on Tuesday 13th December.</p> <p data-bbox="302 1199 1019 1350">Christmas Craft Day- we are very excited to invite you to join us on a Christmas Craft Day when the children will be making things to sell at the Christmas Craft Fair (9th December). Please note that the date of the Craft Afternoon has changed to Wednesday 7th December.</p>

Homework

Thank you to the parents who have been supporting their children to complete their homework. All the tasks that are sent home support the work the children are doing in the classrooms and so help the children to further their learning. It also informs you of what the children are doing in school. Homework will continue to be sent out on a Wednesday and collected in on a Monday.

Reading

Please make sure your child puts their reading book into the Reading Bag box in the classroom. We check and change the books on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday if we can see from the Reading Diary that the children have read at home. Please sign and date the Reading Diary when your child has read their book a couple of times.

You may have seen our Reception Royal Readers display in the corridor. We are setting the children a challenge. Each of them has a prince or princess with their name on which they can put onto the castle when they have completed the challenge at home. All the children who have taken part in the challenge in the class with the most readers will then receive a treat at the end of each week. The challenge will vary for example it might be to read a story one week or an information text another. We will make you aware of the challenges.

Talent Tree

Don't forget we have a Talent Tree in our cloakroom area to celebrate the children's achievements outside of school. Please share their achievements by writing on one of the leaves and hanging it on our tree.

How to help at home

Please share their reading books as often as possible and support the children to complete their homework tasks.

We would also appreciate if you could encourage the children to become more independent for example dressing themselves, putting on their coats and shoes.

The Reception Team