

Homework

We will continue to provide homework tasks each week. They will be put into the Parents Box by the Reception door. Most of these tasks are to support the children with the sounds they are learning. We are also setting some expressive arts and design homework to be brought into school from 11th December which is to make a Traditional Tale in a shoe box. We will use them to help the children to retell a Traditional Tale.

Reading

Thank you for supporting your children with their reading. Please continue to share a book with them as often as possible. Please make sure you write in their reading diary when you share a book with your child so that the staff will know when they are ready to change their book. Staff will check books on a Monday and a Thursday and any that need changing will be changed. Please make sure your child puts their reading book into the Reading Bag box in the classroom and not on their peg.

How to help at home

Please share books as often as possible.

Play 'I spy' with initial sounds

Play 'I spy' with numbers around the house and when you are out and about.

Please continue to encourage the children to be more independent when putting their coats on. It saves lots of time at playtime!

Pushchairs

A reminder to please leave pushchairs outside when you are delivering and collecting the children so that we can make sure there is a clear and safe entry and exit point. Thank you!

The Reception Team






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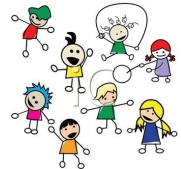
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Welcome back! We have a busy term ahead. Here is what we will be learning...

<u>Learning Challenge— What do people celebrate at this time of year? & Who's afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?</u>	
	This term we have a mixture of topics. First we are talking about Autumn celebrations especially Halloween and Bonfire Night. After that we are sharing some Traditional Tales and asking 'Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf? Some of the stories we will be sharing are Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs. We will be engineers and scientists, investigating how to make a chair strong enough for Goldilocks and what material we can use to make a waterproof cape for Little Red Riding Hood.
<u>Letters & Sounds</u> 	The children have all been taught the phase 2 sounds in their Letters and Sounds sessions. Some children will be moving on to learn the Phase 3 sounds. During this term we are practising reading simple words by blending sounds together and writing words by chopping them up to hear the sounds we want to write. We have been practising forming our letters correctly. Letter formation sheets are available in the parents box by the Reception door.
<u>Literacy</u> 	In Literacy, we will be using our sounds to read simple words. We will be reading rhyming stories and practising our rhyming skills. The children will be retelling and sequencing stories using pictures, puppets and masks. We will be thinking about where different stories are set and towards the end of the term will share 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' as he delivers his Christmas Mail to the Fairy Tale characters. The children will continue to practise forming their letters correctly and practise writing for different purposes such as their letters to Santa!

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<u>Mathematics</u> 	In maths, we are continuing to work on our careful counting, making sure we count one thing at a time! We are also practising recognising numbers to 20. (A brilliant game to play when you are out and about is the 'I spy' number game.) The children will also be starting to explore addition by combining groups of objects. In Shape, space and measure we will be looking at comparing sizes, weight and capacity.
<u>P.E</u> 	P.E will be on Tuesday for Writers and Thursday for Artists. The children each need named P.E kit. These will be sent home at half term for washing. You are welcome to take these home to freshen up before half term. In P.E, the children will explore ways of travelling using different parts of their body and learning how to safely use apparatus. They will also be practising some yoga! 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.
<u>Outdoor</u> 	Outdoor Learning— We continue to use our Outdoor Learning space every day so please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather. It is lovely to see the children so active in their learning! You may have noticed that some of our outdoor experiences can be a little messy (they love the mud kitchen!) so please bear this in mind when the children are choosing which coat they want to wear for school!
<u>Special days</u>	We have a very busy term ahead! November 7th -another opportunity to hear about the Thrive approach that we are using to support children in school. Rainbow Grammar— come and find out about Rainbow Grammar and how it is used in school. 17th - Children in Need— wear something spotty 23rd - Individual Photographs December 1st & 4th INSET days, school closed 8th -Reception Christmas Craft afternoon 2-3pm 8th -PTA Christmas Fayre 15th - Christmas Craft Sale 2.30 18th -9.30-11.00 Reception visit to the church. 19th- Reception Christmas Play 9.30 & 2pm 20th -Christmas Party 22nd- Christmas Jumper Day