



Reception Class Half Term Information Autumn 2 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a lovely Half Term holiday. We can't believe the children have been at school for a whole Half Term already! They have all settled well and we are getting to know their characters and personalities well. The children are progressing amazingly and thanks to your great support the children are really blossoming.

Curriculum:

In reception we follow the interests of the children in order to make their learning as meaningful and enjoyable as possible, so we don't always know in advance which topics we will be exploring. But here is an outline of some of the keys things we will be covering over this next half term.

Learning about Celebrations. We have several this Half Term: Halloween, Firework Night, Christmas.

Being safe. Safety in school, safety at Bonfire night.

Phonics.

We will continue to learn the phonemes that make up the alphabet. In Phase 2 we have already started to blend these sounds together to make words. We also practise segmenting words into their separate sounds.
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So far we have learnt the sounds: s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d and the words: 'is', 'it', 'in', 'at', 'and'
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Can your child tell you the phonemes and words they have learnt?
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Maths.

Number: We will continue to develop the children's recognition and understanding of numbers to 10. We will look closely at numbers, focussing on one number each week and really getting to know these numbers inside out. We will work with these numbers so the children feel very comfortable with how they 'look' and are 'made up', e.g. 5 apples can be made up of 3 green apples and 2 red ones.
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We will start to look at the different coins we use and use these for practical maths.
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Shape space and measures: We will compare and order objects by length/height. We will use positional language and look a little at time. We will continue to enjoy pattern and use language to describe 2d and 3d shapes.
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Phonics & Tricky word folders

You will have noticed some new plastic wallets came home in the children's book bags last half term. These sheets are to help you practise the phonemes that we have learnt at school with your child. As your child becomes more confident with blending phonemes and segmenting words, they will bring home a reading book and "Tricky word" sheets.

Please send these folders of word sheets to school in their book bags so we can put in the most up to date sheets for your child.

Tapestry

Thank you all for returning the forms to us to allow us to share your child's Learning Journeys with you. You should all have received an email from Tapestry asking you to confirm your email address. If you haven't had this email, please come and see Mrs Manderville or Mrs Matthews so we can check we have your email entered correctly. We thank you for your patience in publishing the children's observations. We hope you will enjoy sharing your children's progress and we would love you to contribute to your children's learning by also adding comments and observations.

Library Books

These can be changed on a Tuesday. This is the only day we will have a chance to go to the library so if you forget to return a book don't worry, we will change it the following Tuesday.

Show and Tell

This is on a Wednesday. When it is your child's turn to bring something in, they will bring a special bag home. This is a lovely way for children to gain confidence in speaking to others and is a great opportunity for children to practise their questioning skills.

Clothing

The days are getting colder now and it gets very muddy outside so please send the children in warm coats, hats, gloves etc. Please remember to name all clothes. Remember names often wash off jumpers and it can be very frustrating for the children when they can't find their own jumper. **Please can you make sure your child knows where their name is to be found** so they can become more independent.

Parent helpers

If you would like to come into school to help in Reception at all please see Mrs Matthews or Mrs Manderville to coordinate a date that suits you. Your time is greatly appreciated. You can state what you'd like to help with if you have a preference e.g. baking, art, hearing readers, or if you're happy to do anything let us know.

DT Resources

Please can we have your boxes, yoghurt pots, plastic containers, bottle tops, lids etc. Rather than throwing it away or recycling it can we have it please? The children use it very well and the DT area is very popular and without your help we have little for the children to use in there.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Matthews and Mrs Manderville