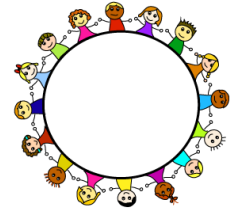


Reception Class Newsletter



November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break and are ready for the next busy term. What a fantastic start all the children have had in term one, we are looking forward to continuing this in term 2!

It was lovely to talk with you all during the recent parent meetings and to share with you how well your child has settled into school. Already we have seen lots of fantastic learning taking place. Please continue to support your child wherever possible at home. If you missed your parent phone call, please speak to us to arrange a convenient time to call you this term.

This term, our topic is toys and celebrations. We will be looking at toys from the past and comparing these to toys of today. We will be reading the books, *Lost in the Toy Museum* by David Lucas, *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson and the *Snowman* by Raymond Briggs, linking these books to a range of activities. During this term, we will be learning about different festivals and celebrations, such as Diwali, Remembrance Day, Bonfire night, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas.

In our maths sessions, we will continue to recognise, compare and count numbers 1-10, match numerals and quantity and to understand more and less than 5. We will also be looking at 2D shapes and positional language.

During our phonic sessions, we will continue to follow Letters and Sounds Phase 2 and 3. Your child should now have a tricky word book. Please help your child to sight read these and to try putting these words into a sentence. When they are confident with a set, let us know and we will send home the next set. If you need any help, please let us know.

PE this term will be every **Tuesday**. During our sessions we will be using our new PE scheme which develops the essential skills children need to be successful within PE and sport. Please ensure your child wears their kit to school every Tuesday.



Reading books - Thank you so much for the encouragement you have all shown in listening to your child read. Please continue to spend as much time as possible enjoying and sharing these books together. Your child may now be able to segment and blend words together to read, encourage this where you can. We ask that you write a short comment in their reading record each time they read with you at home. Comment on whether they enjoyed their book, if they were able to sound out the letters to read any words, are they able to answer questions about the book? Please return books by Tuesday each week and new books will be sent home on a Friday. Please can your child bring their book into school each day as we like to hear them read at school too.



Homework - Every Friday, we will send home work linked to that week's learning. Please support your child to complete this. We ask that all homework is returned by Thursday, thank you.



Show and Tell - This term we will have show and tell sessions each week, please could the children bring in a small toy from home. Due to the current restrictions the toy should be **wipeable**. Please do not bring in any soft or cuddly toys that cannot be cleaned. If this happens, your child will be unable to take this out of their bag to show. Your child should be prepared to say a few facts about their toy. Dates of your child's show and tell are below. Please bring the toy in a named carrier bag.

Show and Tell dates:

Thursday 12th November - Tommy, Ezmae, Lexie

Wednesday 18th November - Shaydon, Lily, Sadie

Friday 20th November - Oliver, Oakley, Ellie

Wednesday 25th November - Charlie, Bianca, Anarita

Friday 27th November - Archie, Harriet, Emme

Wednesday 2nd December - Sierene, Jackson, Noah

Friday 4th December - Tylor, Zachary

Please ensure your child has a coat and shoes suitable for the weather. A carrier bag with extra clothes, which can be kept on their peg, is also recommended.

If you ever have any worries or questions, please do not hesitate to
come and see us.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Ward and Miss Williams