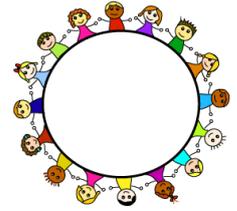


# Reception Class Newsletter



November 2021

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 1, we are looking forward to continuing this in Term 2.

Thank you to all the parents who are listening to their child read and logging this onto our Go Read app. It's been wonderful to see your comments. Please could we remind you, to return your child's reading book, every Thursday. We will then change their book and send this home on a Friday along with any homework. Due to the cost of our new reading scheme, we will be unable to change books if the previous book has not been returned. Also, could we please ask that books are brought into school each day as we like to listen to the children read too. Thank you to those parents who have been practising tricky words with their child. Once your child confidently knows the set, out of sequence, let us know and we will give them the next set.



This term, our topic is Festivals and Celebrations. The children will learn about a range of different festivals and celebrations such as, Diwali, Bonfire night, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Hanukkah. We will look at how people celebrate these and link this to a range of craft activities.



In our literacy lessons, our focus books will be *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson, *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs and *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell. Children will learn to become familiar with the text and story, be able to answer questions about the story, discuss characters and settings and be encouraged to draw and write about the stories.



In Maths, we will be looking closely at numbers one to five and deepening our understanding of these numbers. We shall be exploring shapes and learning about different times of the day.

In phonics, we continue to learn Phase 2 and 3 sounds, as well as introducing digraphs and trigraphs (two and three letters, but only one sound).

We shall also be busy practicing for our Christmas Nativity play. We will be sending out more information regarding this later in the term.



PE will continue to be on a Tuesday. Please bring your child to school dressed in their kit. Now that we are approaching the colder months, it would be a good idea to come to school wearing tracksuits, joggers and/or a sweatshirt/hoody along with trainers or daps in a named bag.



**Volunteers** - If you have a few hours to spend either on a regular basis, or occasionally, we would love to have some help in our classroom. This could be to hear children read, help with indoor/outdoor activities, or carry out tasks to help the teacher. Please let us know if you would be interested.



**Show and Tell dates:**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November - James, Gracie,

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Patrick, Jenisha, Eloise

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Jemima, Leo, Alfie

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Fletcher, KC

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Mika, Jett

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Theo, Harriet,

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Nathan, Jamie, Alana

On the date listed above, please could your child bring in a favourite book to talk about. They should be prepared to talk a little about the book, such as what is their favourite part, why they like the book, who are the main characters?



**Please ensure your child has a coat, shoes and wellington boots 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