

CLASS NEWSLETTER



Foundation Stage 2 (Reception) Autumn 2 Newsletter

I can not believe that we have already completed our first half term in Reception. Where has that time gone? The children have now settled into their class routines and have made new friends along the way. It does take a little while for some children to become familiar with our school values and follow our class behaviour expectations but we are making progress with this and are trying very hard to ensure that the children understand how to make good choices in both their work and their play.

We have explored the season of Autumn fully in our topic and have enjoyed listening to lots of Mr Men stories too.

In Autumn Term 2 we will move on to our next themes which will be Autumn and Winter celebrations and Space! I will be adding some optional home learning challenges to Class Dojo and if your child does complete any of this work then please add this to their Evidence Me portfolio for me to mark and share with the rest of the class.

The Outdoors/Spare Clothes

Please remember that the Foundation Stage curriculum is an indoor and outdoor learning experience and ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing and footwear, and a spare change of clearly labelled clothes at school (just in case the children get dirty or they have an accident). If your child does have the odd accident then it would be very helpful to have a spare set of their own clothes at school for us to change them into. The spare clothes can be kept at school in a rucksack and we can hang these up on the children's pegs.

Forest School and Staffing

Each Monday afternoon every child will be given the opportunity to join in our exciting 'Forest Schools' activity sessions which take place in our school fields on site. Please make sure that your child has named wellies in school so that they can take part. We will be completing activities such as den building, nature watching, digging and mud-pie making.

PE/Water bottles

Reception will continue to have their PE hall slot on a Tuesday morning each week. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit (Pale blue/white t shirt and navy shorts with trainers) on this day. They may wear jogging bottoms on top of their PE kit (dark coloured please) and a plain coloured sweatshirt/hooded jumper. Please remember to label all clothing that is sent to school. **Earrings must be removed for your child to take part in PE sessions;** if your child cannot remove their own earrings school staff cannot do it for them. We would advise no jewellery to be worn to school on any day.

Please make sure that children have access to their own water bottle which is also clearly named.

Reading

The children will continue to read at least once per week at school so please ensure that their reading book is in school every day. Some children now have a blending book as well as a picture book and these will get changed as soon as the children are able to blend a majority of the words in the book (without relying on the pictures). If your child does not yet have a blending book then please continue to help them to recognise the sounds that are printed at the front of their reading record. As soon as the children can identify these sounds then they will be able to try to put these together and blend them into words.



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In literacy we will be exploring the following texts and themes:

Neil Armstrong (facts)
Remembrance (Poppy, Poppy poetry)
Look Up!
Rajiv's Starry Feelings
Aliens Love Underpants
Poetry- Twas the Night Before Christmas
Aliens Love Santa Paws

We will also continue to work through Read, Write Inc in our phonics. Please keep an eye on our class dojo for our words and sounds of the week as we go through them.

In maths, we continue to develop our understanding of numbers 1,2,3, 4 and 5. We will be working on our skills of subitising. We will also look at the shapes circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides.

In our PE unit, we will be introduced to Physical Education through the topic of ball skills through the topic of 'weather'. Children will develop fundamental ball skills such as throwing and catching, rolling a ball, using targets, dribbling with feet, kicking a ball, bouncing and catching a ball. Children will be able to develop their fine and gross motor skills through a range of game play with balls. Children will work independently and with a partner and will develop decision making and using simple tactics.

Our artist this half term will be Van Gogh and we will recreate using the style of Starry Night over the weeks.

Our RE learning looks at the theme 'what is Christmas?'

As we continue to develop our speech and language, please encourage us to speak in extended and clear sentences.

Thank you for your support.

If you have any concerns or questions then please ask.

Ms Ahmed and Miss Perry :)

