

Reception Newsletter



Autumn 2

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful half term holiday. It has been a busy and exciting first term of school for Reception Red and Blue Class. We have loved getting to know the children and have been very impressed with how quickly they have settled and developed new relationships with staff and their peers.



Traditional Tales

Our topics this half term are Space and Christmas, which the children always thoroughly enjoy. This half term we will be reading stories including; 'Whatever Next' and 'Aliens Love Underpants' linked to our Space topic. We will be finding out what it is like in space and learning about the planets. Our role play area will be changing into a spaceship in the coming weeks! We will also be learning about the Christmas Story and enjoying various Christmas themed activities and crafts as part of our Christmas topic.



Reading

The children are already off to a flying start with their reading. Thank you so much for your support in listening to them read regularly and helping them to learn the sounds and words in their sound books. Your help with this makes a big difference and we really appreciate your support. This half term we will be collecting decodable books (reading practice books) on a **Monday** and sending new ones on a **Thursday**. We will be swapping the reading for pleasure books (sharing books) **every Thursday** if they have been signed. Although we will only be changing books on a Thursday, please ensure reading books and diaries are in book bags every day so that adults in school can read with your child. Sound books will continue to be updated every Friday.





Star of the Week

For one week in the year in Reception, each child has the opportunity to be our Star of the Week. In the past we have invited children to bring to school items of interest from home. Our 'stars' have brought in items such as photographs, an interesting object or story, a member of their family or their pet to show their friends. All children should now have received their date for Star of the Week via Tapestry. Please get in touch with us if you have not received your child's date.

PE

PE days will be staying the same this half term but please ensure that PE kits are in school all week. Could we also ask that you ensure PE kits are fully named so that lost kit can be returned as quickly as possible.

PE days this half term:

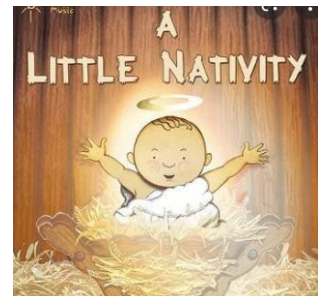
Tuesday & Friday

Weather/ Uniform

With the weather beginning to turn cold it is important that all children have a warm/waterproof coat, gloves, a hat and wellington boots, as we will endeavour to get outside as much as we can to use the Outdoor area and Reception Garden. We also have our classroom windows open every day for ventilation so please feel free to send in extra layers for children to wear indoors. Please also ensure that every item of your child's uniform, including their hats, gloves and coats are clearly named.

A Little Nativity

We are hopeful and very excited that later this half term we will be able to welcome you into school to watch our Reception performance of 'A Little Nativity'. The whole of Reception will perform together and further information will follow via Tapestry regarding costumes/songs we are learning. We are hoping that we will be able to invite Red Class Parents/Carers into school on Wednesday 8th December at 9.15am and Blue Class Parents/Carers into school on Thursday 9th December at 9.15am to watch the performance. Due to COVID restrictions, unfortunately we will be asking that only one Parent/Carer for each child attends the performance. More information to follow later in this half term.



Thank you for your all of your support so far this term. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch either by catching us on the door at home time or ringing/emailing the school office, who will pass on your queries. Alternatively, leave us a message on Tapestry and we will get back to you.

With your continued support, I am sure that we will have another successful and exciting half term ahead of us.

Best Wishes,
The Early Years Team