

Reception Class Newsletter

2nd half autumn term 2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope everybody has had a restful half term break.

Our half termly topic this term is : Food & Drink

What we will be learning as part of our topic: the children will use their voice to discuss their favourite food and drink. We will be getting creative and use lots of different materials to show our favourites in our artwork. We will begin to explore what foods are healthy and what foods we should only eat now and again! The children will learn how they have the right to clean water and nutritious food. We will think about various food and drink we have during special celebrations. They will learn about different food we eat in different seasons and why. We will make and taste Gingerbread men. The children will continue to develop their Rights Respecting Behaviour so we can all stay safe, be happy, have a voice and learn!

What we will be learning in English: the children will continue to develop their early reading and writing skills. During this term the children will consolidate their phase 1 phonics, where they are orally blending and segmenting words. We will start phase 2 phonics, where the children will begin to understand the relationship between letters and sounds. The children will continue to learn their sight words and begin to apply them in weekly guided reading sessions. We will explore our first Traditional Tale, 'The Gingerbread Man' later in the term. The children will explore the text through actions, role play and story maps. They will write instructions on how to make Gingerbread men, and then have a go themselves. Finally the children will write their own stories!

What we will be learning in Maths: this term we will continue to look at numbers 1 – 10, and what they mean. The children will use a range of resources to develop their sense of number and reasoning. During this term we will continue to use important maths language during every maths session and activity. Some of the words we will be using are; more, less, bigger, smaller, longer, shorter. It would help your child's understanding if you used these words with them during everyday activities.

Other activities, trips and events this half term:

- December 12th - We will be visiting Little Angel Theatre to watch 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

What you can do to help

Reading books Please make sure that your child's book bag comes in every day and that the books they've taken home are kept in them.

Spare set of clothes and wellies If you have wellington boots please allow your child to have them in school as we enjoy an outdoor curriculum whatever the weather. They can come to school wearing their wellies on wet days if you prefer. If your child goes home in borrowed items of clothing, please return them washed as soon as possible.

Things to remember:

- PE kits need to be brought in every Monday and taken home every Friday to be washed.
- Remember! – school starts at 8:55. All children should be lined up and ready each morning.
- Every child should have a bottle of water in school, please ensure your child has one.
- It is also essential that children remember their glasses if they wear them.

Other information: If you have any other questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be more than happy to help.

Best wishes from the class team: Lucy – class teacher, Faheema - HLTA and Yumi – teaching assistant