

Reception Class Newsletter

2nd half autumn term 2020



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all after what I hope was a restful half term. We will continue to make it our priority this term to ensure the children feel safe and happy at school. We will focus on their emotional wellbeing, as well as providing lots of exciting learning opportunities.

Our half termly topic this term is: Explorers

What we will be learning as part of our topic: there will be many exciting learning experiences taking place this term which include children exploring the learning environment inside and outside. They will be asking questions, observing and investigating. One topic we will be exploring is dinosaurs. The children will have the opportunity to experiment with a range of different materials to create both 2D artwork and sculptures. We will investigate how we can make volcanoes, what ways we could save a dinosaur from a swamp and how to rescue them from the ice age! We will think about space and learn about some of the exciting (and surprising!) ways that astronauts explore. We will find out the different places and topics the children want to explore and investigate, and see where they take us...

What we will be learning in English: the children will continue to develop their early reading and writing skills. The children are now learning phase 2 phonics; learning about the relationships between letters and sounds. There will be a further explanation of how we teach phonics coming soon to the blog this term. The children will continue to take part in daily 'Shared Reading' sessions where they learn the skills of reading a text independently. This term the children will take home a book of their choice from the reading corner at the beginning of the week. It will be written in their reading journals, where there is space for you to record any reflections you have after sharing the book with your child. All books must be returned by Friday, where they will be left for 72 hours before being returned to the reading corner.

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:

- 6th November – school photographs being taken
- we are planning a trip to explore the surrounding area in December.

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.

Water bottles Ensure your child brings in a named water bottle with fresh water every day.

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:

- Remember! – School starts at 9.00 and finishes at 3:25
- Book bags: please bring in every day and check for any slips or communication from school inside.
- Please name **all** your child's school uniform.
- Spare clothes: please provide in a named bag to hang on your child's peg.

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 – Yumi, teaching assistant