

Reception Class Newsletter

2nd half summer term 2021



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable half term break. 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: Journeys

What we will be learning as part of our topic: In their 'Journeys' topic the children will think about the different journeys they make and how. They will think about their local area and the different ways we travel around it. We will think about how we can all help to look after our environment and the local area. The children will explore different modes of transport through stories, local walks, non-fiction books and some real-life examples! The children will have a go at making their own vehicles. Which material will make the best boat? How can we make the wheels turn? Will all my toys fit in this bus?! They will use a range of media and materials to create artwork inspired by the story 'The Naughty Bus'. We will be taking a short journey of our own in the local area, observing our surroundings and checking directions on the map. Finally, the children will think about their school journey so far, and about the next steps in the journey ahead of them to year 1.

What we will be learning in English: The children will continue to write for a range of different purposes. We will be writing recounts of different journeys, captioning illustrations and writing lists of things we can see in our local area. We will be reading the story 'Mr Gumpy's Motor Car' where the children learn, sequence and retell the story in a variety of ways. We will be performing our own plays and recording them. The children will continue their daily phonics sessions where they are consolidating their knowledge and application of phase 3 phonics. We are continuing to learn the first 45 sight words. Please remember to check your child's Reading Records to see which words they need to learn that evening!

What we will be learning in Maths: We will be focusing on problem solving this term. The children will learn to solve problems involving halving, doubling and sharing. The children will continue to practice and consolidate the key skills they have been learning this year. They will continue to have plenty of opportunities to subitise, where they learn to instantly recognize small quantities, through dice, domino and bingo games. They will be counting on and back up to and beyond 20. They will continue to explore the composition of numbers, practicing recognising and recalling number bonds up to 10.

Other activities, trips and events this half term:

- Wednesday 16th June – Parents meetings
- Monday 21st June - Positive Relationships meeting via Zoom – 4.00 – 4.30

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.
- 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 – Yumi, teaching assistant