

Reception Newsletter Autumn Term 2 2017

Welcome back to a very exciting term ahead. We would like to also welcome back Miss Bryan from her maternity leave. She will be working in our class every morning. The children have all settled very well after the holiday so we would now like them all to start coming into school on their own to develop their independence and self confidence. They really enjoyed sharing the lovely photos and pictures from their half term holiday. Our theme for this half term is

Celebrations

and will include Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Christmas. However, this will run alongside planning that comes from the children's developing interests and this happens one day for the next, or in the moment! We support and extend children's developments using what they are interested in.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be doing more work this term on developing the children's awareness of how they can be a good partner. They will also continue to develop their skills in conflict resolution ie talking and listening to each other and learning how to sort out little disagreements amongst themselves.



Communication and Language

Listening skills are an essential part of good communication so we will continue to play games to promote this such as Giant's Keys. We will be learning the words for our Christmas Production. Show and Tell will be every Wednesday. It will be helpful if your child has thought of two or three things to say about their object. Please make sure the toy is small enough to fit into their red book bag.



Physical Development



In PE the children will be developing ball skills. P.E will be on Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has their P.E kit in school every week and that it is clearly named. In the classroom there will be lots of opportunities for children to develop their fine motor skills, particularly the use of scissors and of course we will be continuing with our daily Dough Gym and Funky Finger exercises. Each week we will have an action rhyme where the focus is on manipulating hands and fingers to do the actions well (this week it is 'See the ostrich').

Literacy

Our oral storytelling work will be based around 'Handa's Surprise'. The children will learn the story using puppets, role play and by reading story maps before they make changes to create their own versions. Phonics teaching takes place daily with the latest speed sounds being added to the PACT book weekly. The children are learning to blend these sounds together to read words.



Mathematics



This term we will be learning lots of number songs and looking at different activities linked to both 2D and 3D shapes.

Understanding the World

The focus for this part of the curriculum will be Christmas and what it means to different people and how it is celebrated.

Expressive Arts and Design



The children will be learning to keep a steady beat and copy simple rhythms. We will continue to learn a weekly rhyme. This week it is 'Polly put the kettle on'.

Important dates for your diary

RB Christmas Crafts - Bring a Parent/Grandparent - Tuesday 5th December 9-10am

Christmas Production - Tuesday 12th December

Carol Service - Thursday 21st December

Christmas lunch - Friday 22nd December

What can you do to help?

- If your child is ready to change their book please remind them each morning to place their book bag in the YELLOW box at the beginning of the day. We will then ensure that they get chance to change it.
- Please complete the parent agreement and personal email address so that we can send home an electronic copy of observations of your child. We will try to set this system up as quickly as possible.

Please remember we are here to help -please pop in and speak to us if you have any queries. We hope you are able to join us for our Christmas Crafts session on Tuesday 5th December.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Burrell, Mrs Bendelow, Mrs Wilson and Miss Bryan