

# Reception's Newsletter

A big warm welcome to you all, the children have all settled in very quickly and are making a fantastic start to their school careers. Our topics this term are 'me and keeping healthy' before half term, and 'Ice explorers' after half term. We will be learning all about ourselves as humans and what we need to do to stay fit and healthy. We will be using our 'senses' to explore objects, materials and our surroundings. After half term we will be using



the story of 'Penguin small', by Mick Inkpen and 'The Emperors Egg' to learn about the polar regions of our world and the creatures that live there. We will also be investigating ice and it's properties in science. In class in the next few weeks we will be tasting lots of different fruits and vegetables. The children will also get the opportunity to bake on several occasions through the term. RE this term will be focussed on the celebrations that Christians take part in at Christmas time.



## How can you help?

- Read stories about families, growing up, healthy eating, stories set in polar regions about penguins, polar bears etc.
- As part of our morning routine we are going to pay attention to the date and the days of the week. You may wish to reinforce at home the order of the days of the week and the months of the year etc.



- In maths this term, we will be focussing on the numbers 0-20. Saying them in order, counting accurately and recognising each digit. Any opportunities to reinforce this at home will make a huge difference to your child.

- In English this term, we will be learning to write our names and recognise the letters in our names. We will be learning to hear initial sounds in words, as well as try to sound out simple words.
- This exciting journey, discovering the world of numbers and letters, will be full of practical and enjoyable activities. The focus for which is to learn to love learning.

If anyone has any expertise, knowledge or artefacts that may support our learning please do let us know.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Class Open Afternoon and Celebration will be on Wednesday 14th November.** (A Letter will follow Closer to the time with more details.)

**Phonics meeting on Wednesday 26th September 2:45—3:15** (An informal meeting about how we teach reading and phonics and the ways that you can support your child at home with this).

**Maths and Forest school and Wednesday 10th October 2:45—3:15** (An informal meeting about how we teach number and maths and the ways that you can support your child at home with this).

## Learning to read is all about practise!

Your child should be reading to an adult at home every day. Please use the Home/School reading diary to let me how your child's reading at home is going. Your child should choose their own new reading books every day when they arrive in school.

**STRIVE FOR 5**— If your child reads 5 times in a week, at home and there is evidence of this in their reading record, then they will receive a raffle ticket to enter the weekly 'Reading Raffle' with the chance to win a book for home.

If anyone would like to offer time to hear readers in class on a regular basis please come and ask.

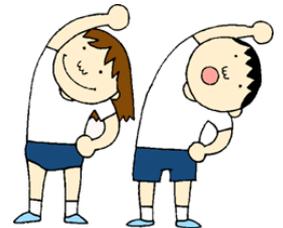
**Homework** On Wednesdays the children will bring home their 'learning at home' books, this will tell you briefly what we have covered in class in that week and give you a practical activity that

you could do at home to support your child's learning. There will also be a postcard for your child to draw and 'write' (you could scribe in the early days!) about something they have done at the weekend. This postcard should be returned to school on Monday, where back in class it will be used to write our class newspaper on Monday morning!



## P.E

Please could children have their P.E kit in school every day. Can I remind you that P.E kit, for the Autumn, should consist of shorts and T-shirt, and jogging bottoms; they can wear their school sweatshirt if it is cold. Please could they also bring a pair of plimsoles/trainers suitable for outdoor games. PE days are Thursday and Friday **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**



**COULD ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING including SHOES, BE CLEARLY NAMED**

## FOREST SCHOOLS.

Forest schools will be starting on **Thursday 1st November.** The Reception children go to Forest school EVERY week.

Please send your child to school on a forest school day dressed and ready in old, warm clothing. (A letter will follow closer to the time with more information).

**Snack money** for Reception children is £1 per week, please give this to us in class on Mondays. Thank you.

You can also provide your child with a NAMED water bottle, so that they can have a drink at other times too. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come see us.

## The Reception Team

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