Reception Autumn term 2

Welcome Back!

We are now at the start of the very busy Christmas half term. Your support towards your child's learning journey has been brilliant – thank you. The children are settling well and becoming aware of the daily routines. Please keep practising with your child to write their name with correct letter formation as discussed at parents evening. We can already see some children have really improved over the holidays. This is now a daily task for the children when they arrive in school and we need your support so your child feels confident and ready to write.

Autumn 2 Topic 'People Who Help Us'

The weekly topics in order are: Bonfire Night/Remembrance, Firemen, Policemen, Schools, Doctors and Nurses, Vets and finally Christmas. We will cover a topic per week.

If you know anyone who works within any of these professions or similar and would be willing to come in to school and do a short talk for the children please let me know.

Mathematics

In number work we will be covering capacity, weighing and measuring, addition and subtraction of single digits very practically with objects, repeating patterns, one more, one less of numbers from 1-10 then 20. We will also look at 3D shapes and start to recognise coins. Please show your children 1p, 2p, 5p and 10 pence pieces. Can they find all the 1 pence pieces or 2 pences in the purse for example. How many do you have of each?

How you can help at home:

We will be sending home worksheets on a Friday with topics we have covered over the week for the children to have a go at. They don't need to be handed back in. I recommend using practical ways to access mathematics especially with the money topic by looking at coins, being able to recognise and name them and begin to understand the different values. Children always find money a difficult concept so an early start is an advantage. Helping to recognise numbers to 10 then 20; ordering the numbers forwards and backwards; making groups (sets) of numbers up to 10 and counting them carefully (1-1 counting). Finding different ways to make 4, 5 and 6. For example 0+4, 1+3, 3+1, 2+2 all equal 4 (number facts). It is helpful to use objects in the home to count and write down enabling the children to see patterns in the numbers. Once your child can count accurately they then can have a go at adding 2 groups of number together and taking away a few objects. Does the number get bigger or smaller when we add? If you have the numicon shapes at home this is great for this exercise and number facts.

Communication Language and Literacy

We will be continuing our daily Read Write Inc phonics programme this term, which the children will really enjoy. The children will now work at their individual pace of learning and understanding in smaller phonics groups. All children are individuals and learn at different rates and we as teachers are here to support your child in their learning journey which is matched to their needs. Reading to your child at home and portraying the love of books is so important at this early stage. Let your child hold the book and turn the pages for you as they begin to take ownership of books. Listening to your child blending (reading) segmenting (spelling) little CVC words on the sheets or in books is a magical time for them. Please continue this at home regularly and don't forget to write in their reading records.

PE

PE is on Thursdays and Fridays. P.E kits should be labelled and stay in school on your child's peg for the half term. Please encourage independence when dressing and undressing at home to help us in our PE sessions.

Dates and Support

19th November - Family sharing 3.15-4pm
7th December - FON Winter Fair 3.30-5pm
13th December - Reception Parent's Christmas Craft afternoon 2-3.15pm
19th and 20th December - Christmas Concerts for KS 2pm. Details re tickets will be sent separately.

Cooking

We are still cooking/tasting every week with the children which will provide them with so many skills and learning opportunities. In order to do this we would really appreciate a voluntary contribution of £15 for the year. Thank-you very much to those who have already contributed.

Reading

Exciting news - your child will have their first reading book/sheet sent home on Wednesday. We will be changing your child's reading sheet or book every Wednesday. Your child will also bring home a library book to share with you on this day. Please talk about the story, characters and pictures in the books as this is also a very important part of development for reading and writing. Some books have no words in them just pictures for you and your child to make up the story - sustained shared thinking!

Cutting and Sticking

If you have any empty small boxes or tubes etc please could you bring them in to school for our cutting and sticking area. Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please could your child bring a named water bottle in to school every day with fresh water. We have boxes in the classroom to put them in.

Additional Staff

We are very lucky to have a few regular helpers but we can always do with more, especially for the reading which takes place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. If you could spare any time in these sessions we would be most grateful. Thank you for those who have already volunteered to help and for all your continued support at home it really does make a difference especially with their reading.

And finally……..

Please label all clothing especially P.E kits, bags and shoes. New clothes can sometimes be forgotten to be named and pen names wash out.

Thank-you for your support and we are really looking forward to continuing our successful year.

Mrs Oddy, Mrs Hemingway and Miss Watkins