



Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

November/December 2024

Reception News

We've enjoyed a wonderful first half term together in Reception. We have concentrated on 'having a go' and persevering with a task and then being able to feel proud of our efforts. As the colder weather has arrived we are also encouraging these skills while putting on our coats and trying to zip up. The children continue to surprise us with their love for learning and increasing in confidence day by day.

We read and wrote about 'The Little Red Hen' and the children explored the story's characters, settings and plot. We made rainbow pizza and bread to share with our friends. We also broke the story down and looked at the structure, beginning, middle and end in detail and learnt, retold and performed it for you in assembly.

We have been busy learning the first set of sounds in Phonics. We will complete the set now that we are back and continue to blend and segment short words to read and write. Later in the term, some of us will begin to learn the next set of sounds. In our writing we will begin to write short words and then link them together, writing two or three word captions e.g. 'the hot dog'. We will be learning our red tricky sight words, e.g. 'the, I, was, no, of, my, you, he, she, we.' be'.

In our Maths learning we have been representing numbers to 3 in a variety of ways and have begun to look at one more and one less of a given number. We have recognised, continued and created our own patterns.

During our 'We are Special' topic, the children thought about what makes them special and we looked closely at our similarities and differences. We thought about the people who are special to us and explored our new school and the Rainbow Promise. The children pledged to show love, care and respect for each other as part of our class family, as well as trying hard to always do our best. We also explored the story of Noah's Ark, and discussed the Rainbow Promise God made to us. It has been so amazing watching the children show their Rainbow Promise throughout the day to each other and make relationships flourish!

I'm really looking forward to one of my favourite terms in the school year and want to thank you for your continued help and support. As always, if you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to come and see us.

Mrs Redondo, Miss Kay and Mrs Bruce

Reminders

Please ensure that your child has their reading book and reading record in school everyday.

Library day is Wednesday. If your child wishes to change their book, please make sure that they return their current book on that day.

As it is getting colder and we will continue to learn outside, please ensure your child has warm clothing. As with all uniform, please name all hats, scarves and gloves.

Reception Autumn Term 2: Let's Celebrate!

Week	Suggested Contexts for Learning	Upcoming Dates for Diary
Week 1 04.11-08.11	Autumn – changes in the environment Firework Safety Create Rockets Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot -Timelines Biscuits & hot chocolate	Tues 5 th /Thurs 7 th Nov – Parent Meetings Tue 5 th Nov – Bonfire Night Friday 8th Nov—Scholarship Book Fair Fri 8 th Nov – Non uniform day – Donations for Christmas fair
Week 2 11.11-15.11	Whole School Friendship Week / Antiraciating week Amritsote Day and Remembrance Create Poppies	Mon 11 th Nov - Amritsote Day Tues 12 th – Wear Old socks Bury Bags phonics workshops: Woodpecker Wed 13 th Nov at 9.00am Robins Thu 14 th Nov at 9.00am Fri 15 th Nov – Be A Buddy Pledge Day, non-uniform day
Week 3 18.11-22.11	'The Story of Rama and Sita' Celebrating Diwali Cooking - Samosas	Wed 20 th - Fri 22 nd – Diwali Workshops Fri 22 nd Nov – PTA non uniform day for Tombola Celebrating Diwali Sat 23 rd Nov – Christmas Fair
Week 4 25.11-29.11	Advent The Christmas Story Martin Week EYFS	Fri 29 th Nov – Pause Day – Parents invited to make a craft with their children after drop off till 10.00.
Week 5 02.12-06.12	The Christmas Story Christmas Songs and Dances	Sun 1 st Dec – Reverse Advent begins
Week 6 09.12-13.12	The Christmas Story Christmas Performances Christmas Decorations	Tue 10 th Dec – Christmas Performance pm 2pm Weds 11 th Dec –Christmas Performance am 9.30am Thu 12 th Dec- Christmas Lunch Fri 13 th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day
Week 7 16.12-20.12	The Christmas Story Christmas crafts	Class Christmas Party the Fri 20 th – Last Day of term 1.30pm