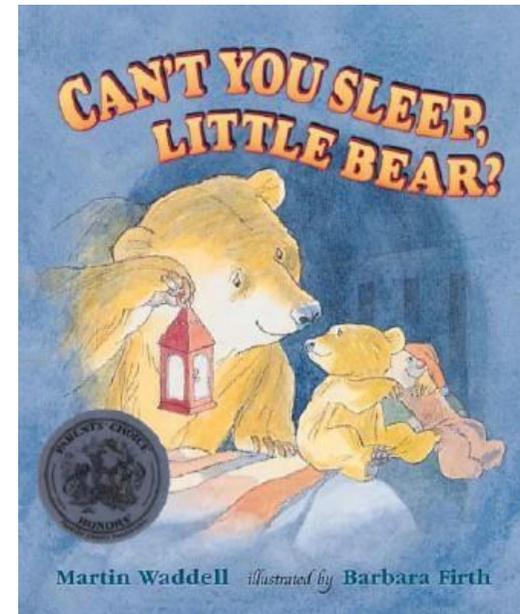


<p><b><u>Characteristics of Effective Learning</u></b></p> <p>In Reception your child will come across new challenges. Please encourage them to keep trying if they find things difficult at first.</p>	<p><b><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u></b></p> <p>Ask your child to talk about their new class, new friends and new experiences. Reassure them if they have any worries.</p>
<p><b><u>Communication and Language</u></b></p> <p>The main focus for this first term is to learn how to be a good communicator with other children in class. We do lots of speaking and listening activities that help the children to settle into class and make new relationships.</p>	<p><b><u>Physical Development</u></b></p> <p>Children need to be able to get changed for PE in Reception so please expect your child to do this for themselves at home too.</p>
<p><b><u>Literacy</u></b></p> <p>Please give your child lots of opportunities to write their name. Ideas include using chalks, water and decorators' brushes outside, cooked spaghetti, alphabet pasta, as well as the traditional pen and paper!</p>	<p><b><u>Mathematics</u></b></p> <p>Make some simple number cards. They could be used to play snap, matching memory games, number ordering, spot the mistake, "what's missing?" and so on.</p>
<p><b><u>Understanding of the World</u></b></p> <p>Talk about where we come from, where we live and the world around us.</p> <p>Begin to understand the workings of everyday technology.</p> <p>Learn about and take part in traditions such as Harvest Festival, Diwali and Eid.</p>	<p><b><u>Expressive Arts and Design</u></b></p> <p>The focus this half term is to use imagination to develop the children's artistic flare in various forms.</p> <p>The children will explore their imagination with a variety of materials.</p> <p>If you have any recycled boxes etc please pass them to a member of staff.</p>

# Reception's Parental Involvement Leaflet

**September-October 2017**



**Can't You Sleep Little Bear?**

### **Volunteer opportunities in school**

Please speak to Mrs Spencer or Miss Waddington if you would like to offer your time in school.

### **Reading at home**

Please listen to your child read their class reading book at least 3 times per week. Writing the date and a simple comment will help us to see when they are ready for a new book. Thank you.

### **School website**

Keep checking our section of the website to find out more about what we have been learning in school and how you can support your child at home.

### **Food preparation & Snack**

From time to time your child will make something in school. We ask for a voluntary contribution of 50p per week, you can also pay for the half term if you prefer. This money goes towards the cost of food preparation, a variety of snack and also goes towards parties. Thank you.

### **Maths**

We will begin this half term by assessing your child's understanding of maths and will then move on to:

- Recognising numerals
- Putting numbers in order
- Counting objects
- Ordering objects by size

This half term, our topic is:

# All about me!

We will ask the following questions:

- How do my senses help me?
- What makes me feel safe?
- What makes me feel scared?
- How are we the same/different?

### **Important messages**

Please send a pair of wellington boots into school for outdoor play.

If you would like to speak to a member of staff about how your child is settling or how their learning is progressing, please just let us know. We find it difficult to speak in-depth at home time but if you can wait a couple of minutes until the rush has cleared, we will happily speak with you then!

Thank you.

**Please write your child's name in all items of clothing including pumps and wellington boots.**

### **Trips**

Throughout the year we will be taking the children on various outings, including local walks and visits.

### **English**

Each half term we choose a 'core story', the main story we will base lots of activities around. The main story for this half term is '**Can't you sleep little bear?**'. Your child will take the core book home to read with you and do some activities based on the story. There will be an exercise book in the pack for your child to draw a picture and write a little bit about their favourite part. We would like them to return the book after 2 days so that each child has chance to have a turn.

### **PE**

We have PE every Monday. Please leave PE kit in school.