

# Reception Parent/Carer Information

## Autumn Term 2

# All About Me & Festivals!



### What we are learning this half term...

We will continue to focus our learning around the topic of Ourselves, where we live and woodland plants and animals. We will also find out lots of facts about Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali and Christmas. We will be planning to take the children out on another local visit and have a special Christmas event planned too!

The core story for this half term is **The Gruffalo**.

### Other things we will do...

We will be making firework, poppy, Diwali and Christmas art work, using a variety of different materials and skills.



We will write spooky spells and read lots of CVC words and captions.



### Core Story

Core stories are books we will focus on in depth each half term. We will send the story home for you to share with your child. Please return the next day, to ensure every child gets a chance to read it at home.

We will act out and retell the story of The Nativity.

### Maths

We are in the process of assessing your child's understanding of mathematics. We will then learn about:

Subitising numbers

Writing numerals

Understanding and learning how numbers are made up of other numbers

Looking at properties of shapes

We will continue to learn phase 2 phonemes and build words with these letters.

We will explore familiar traditional tales: The 3 Little Pigs and The 3 Billy Goats Gruff.

### Food Preparation & Snack

Snack is an important part of the Early Years curriculum and in our experience all children benefit from this activity. It can be preparing food, baking, looking at changes in food, talking about what they like/dislike or just simply helping children's confidence to try new food alongside their friends. We ask for a voluntary contribution of **50p per week** or **£3.50 for this half term**. We will also use these contributions towards play dough ingredients or other consumables in class.



Please could you send the money in a named envelope.

Any queries please see a member of the Reception team.

## Invitation to a Maths Evening

We would like to invite you to a **Maths Information Evening on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00pm** in the school hall. We will share lots of helpful guidance with you about how you can support your child develop their Maths skills. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we prefer only one parent from each family to attend, which will limit the number of people in the hall.

## Dates for your Diary

Maths Parent Workshop - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 @ 5.00pm

Christmas Lights and Reading Night - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 @ 4.15pm

Reception Christmas Party Day - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Party Clothes can be worn to school on this day.

## Parents Evening

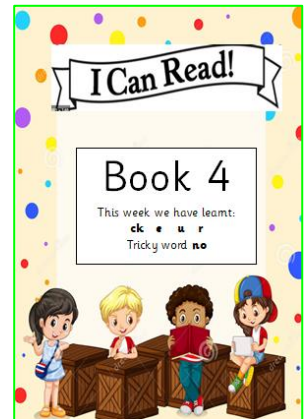
We look forward to speaking and updating you about how your child has settled into Reception and their progress so far. Please sign up for a slot on either:

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November or Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please note, the appointments are online.

## Weekly Reading Booklets

Each week your child will bring home a reading booklet. This will be based on the phonemes which we have learnt that week. It will also contain tricky and key words for your child to practise reading. There will be a few short activities for your child to complete at home linked to the current phonemes. This is a valuable resource, which supports the teaching of phonics which takes place in class and runs alongside the reading books.

Please use it often and refer back to older ones, to reinforce sounds and tricky words which we have previously learnt. In previous years, we have found the children who use these booklets frequently and read regularly, make accelerated progress in their reading.



## A message from the Reception Team...

This half term is super busy! We have lots to fit in and have planned some lovely experiences. We appreciate your help and support in making this a magical and special time for your children.

Mrs Horne

Mrs Nellist

Miss Jones

Mrs Kaur

Mrs Slattery

Miss Lee