

# 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:

### Other things we will do...



#### 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. Don't forget to record that you have read the book in your child's reading record book!

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.

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

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

#### Maths

This half term, our Maths learning will focus on:

Subitising Numbers

Writing Numerals

Understanding & learning how numbers are made up of other numbers

Looking at properties of shapes

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 **£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 Reading Together Time

We would like to invite you into our classroom every **Monday at 3.10pm** to spend time with your child reading and sharing stories. This will begin from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please come to the main entrance and one of the Reception Team will walk you around to the Reception entrance. Don't forget you can add this reading session into your child's reading record book! We also wanted to note that we appreciate that some of you work on a Monday and won't be able to attend. However, each half term we will change the day to try and allow as many of you as possible the opportunity to come over the year.

## Dates for your Diary

Christmas Fair - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December @ 3.45pm - 5.45pm

Early Years Christmas Show - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.15pm

& Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30am

Christmas Lights and Reading Night - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 4.15pm-6pm

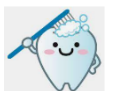
Reception Christmas Party Day - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Party Clothes can be worn to school this day.

## Reading at Home

In previous years, we have found the children who read frequently and regularly, make accelerated progress in their reading. Please try and read at least 3 times a week with your child and record each time in their reading record book. This can be any book: library, letter sheet, core story, book from home etc. Once your child can read and blend simple CVC words together, they will bring home a reading book. Please ensure the book is always kept in your child's book bag and brought to school each day, so we can read with your child and change their book when required. We are also beginning a 'Reception-based book loan', where children can take a Reception story book home. This can be changed as frequently as you want in a week.

## Oral Health

As part of learning about Ourselves, we promote good oral health. Ways you can support your child at home is by talking about good oral health with your child, making sure they brush their teeth twice a day and visiting the dentist regularly.



## 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

Miss Whitaker

Mrs Todd

Miss Wells

Miss Brogan

Mrs Hudson