

# Reception NEWSLETTER

## Hello and welcome back

We hope you have all had a safe and relaxing half term. We have been busy preparing the classroom for our new topic 'Festivals'. This half term, your child will learn about a number of celebrations from around the world including Diwali, Chinese New Year and, of course, Christmas!

As well as keeping you updated with your child's learning on Twitter, we wanted to use this newsletter to give you an overview of what is happening in school. As always, if you have any questions please see your child's teacher on the gate.

## Words of the Week

Every week we introduce the children to a new word that might be unfamiliar to them. We go over definitions, synonyms, look at pictures related to that picture and try to use it as often as we can. Please encourage your child to share their knowledge with you.

Week 1: Scrumptious

Week 2: Hazard

Week 3: Religion

Week 4: Grateful

Week 5: Seasons

Week 6: Vibrant

Week 7: Ecstatic

## In maths ...

We will continue to consolidate our counting skills, number recognition, comparison and subitising (knowing how many spots are on a dice or in an arrangement without having to count them).

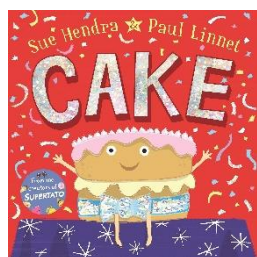
We are now moving onto learning about change within five. We will look at what one more and one less is than a given number between one and five. We will explore this concept by counting out objects and then adding one or taking one away and recounting.

Please support your child by giving them lots of opportunities to count a range of objects: fruit in a bowl, sticks outside etc. Try moving the objects around to deepen their understanding that the amount will remain the same. Then discuss one more/one less by removing/adding an object.

## Our Class Book and author is:

Cake by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet.

We read a range of books every day in Reception but this will be the text that we base some of our literacy around and look at in depth. We will learn about the authors and look at other books they have written.



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## Phonics and Reading

Miss Sharratt has recorded a power point presentation that will be sent out shortly. The presentation provides an overview of how phonics is taught in Reception and ways in which you can support your child at home.

Children will continue to learn set 1 sounds in phonics which are listed below.

m	a	s	d	t
i	n	p	g	o
c	k	u	b	f
e	l	h	sh	r
j	v	y	w	th
z	ch	qu	x	ng

You can also find out more on the Ruth Miskin website:

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

## Reminders

- Please ensure that everything that your child brings to school is labelled, this avoids belongings going missing.
- Children need to bring their full indoor and outdoor PE kit every Monday and leave it at school until Friday.
- Please ensure that your child brings spare clothes to school in case they have an accident.

## A note on Christmas

Due to government guidance, unfortunately, we will be unable to carry out a school nativity this year. But don't worry, we are busy coming up with alternative ideas and will ensure that Christmas festivity is not dampened in any way! Information will follow shortly.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Early Years Team.