

# Reception

## NEWSLETTER

### Thank you

A big thank you from all of us in Reception for making our first half term as successful as it has been. It has been a big adjustment for many children (and probably some parents and carers) and we appreciate the support you have given this half term.

### Phonics

Phonics and early reading remains high priority in reception and all children will attend phonics lessons daily, with additional sessions for some. As you may have seen during a recent "Family Friday" our children join in with these lessons enthusiastically and would love the opportunity to show off their developing knowledge at home. We will continue to send home QR codes so the children can continue practising at home.

### Maths

Next half term we will be continuing with understanding better numbers to 10, including counting and recognising numbers to 10 as well as finding number bonds to 5. At school we provide many opportunities for children to practise these skills through games and fun activities. These can be replicated at home so any additional activities you do at home are very welcome.

### Writing

Every morning (and throughout the day) our children are working hard to form letters correctly and write their names. They are making amazing progress with this and many are able to form letters correctly. This will continue throughout the year so please encourage your child to write their name at home.

### Wider Curriculum

We will be finding out about festivals next half term, including Diwali, Halloween and Christmas. If you have any photographs of your children celebrating these festivals or other special events such as birthdays, anniversaries etc we will be creating an area to display these and would love to see the children's experience.

### Talk for Writing

Next half term we will be reading "Festival of Colours" by Surishtha Sehgal. This will support the children's understanding of the Indian festival of colours, Holi.



### Other information

This week Mrs Appleton has returned from maternity leave. She is teaching some children for phonics and also supports the children at lunchtime.

We have a growing collection of lost property in Reception. Please ensure all clothing is labelled so we are able to reunite your child with their clothing.

Please ensure your child brings a bottle of water (not juice or flavoured water) to school daily. This means they are able to stay hydrated during the day.

As the weather gets colder, children will need warmer clothing, including hats, scarves and gloves. We will continue to use our outdoor provision even when it's chilly outside.

### And finally...

As always, if you have any questions or queries don't hesitate to come and talk to any one of us. No problem is too small and we welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Enjoy half term and we look forward to seeing you all next half term.

The EYFS team