

Reception

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term:

Wow! What a first half term back! The children have settled in fantastically well, they have really taken to the structure and routines of how we do full-days in Reception. This half term in Literacy, our topic has been 'There's Only One You!' We have been busy learning all about our local area, our families, our pets, our favourite toys and all the things which make us unique.

Next term, our topic is 'Festivals'. Each week, we will be looking at a new celebration, we will be covering: Bonfire Night, Diwali, Birthdays, Weddings and Christmas. Please can any photos of you celebrating these events be brought into school or please feel free to tweet us too. Thank you!

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 try and use these words at home with your child.

Week 1: Joyful

Week 2: Spiral

Week 3: Hushed

Week 4: Poisonous

Week 5: Symmetrical

Week 6: Religions

Week 7: Grateful

In Maths ...

Next term in Maths, we will be continuing our counting skills, making sure we touch each object as we count and make sure it is counted carefully but this time, numbers up to and including 10. We have been using lots of counters, cubes, compare bears and other objects to help.

To support your child at home you could:

Encourage them to count things around the house – can they pick up various amounts of toys?

Sing lots of number songs such as 5 little ducks, 5 currant buns, 5 speckled frogs, 5 little men in a flying spaceship.

Ensure that they are confident and secure with recognising numerals 1-10.

Our Class Book and Author is:

Festival of Colours by Kabir Sehgal and Surishtha Sehgal. We make sure we share a story at least twice a day. We read lots of others but this book will be what many of our literacy lessons are based on 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:

The children have worked so hard in Phonics this half term and the results have really shown. Last week, the children were re-assessed and we are so proud. The children have now been re-grouped and split into 3 different groups, depending on how many sounds they know and whether they can blend. The Parent Presentation will explain everything that you need to know. Please ensure your child is writing at home as this will really help their fine motor skills when it comes to writing in phonics.

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. **Sunflowers have PE on Thursday mornings and Daffodils have PE on Friday mornings.**
- Please ensure that your child brings spare clothes to school in case they have an accident.

Thank you for your ongoing support, please speak to us at the gate or ring the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

The Early Years Team.