

## Autumn Term 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 - Reception

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! The children have all settled very well and are enjoying our new topic of 'Festivals'. We are pleased to see children are coming to school with warm coats, scarves and hats and are fully prepared for our outdoor curriculum. **Please check that all items are named** so we can ensure the children return home with the correct belongings.

### Topic

This term, our topic is called 'Festivals'. We will be learning about the different festivals that take place during Autumn and Winter including Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas. The topic will allow us to focus on our 'Understanding the World' part of the curriculum as well as 'Expressive Arts and Design'.

Excitingly, it is the Nativity term! The children will participate in a school nativity performed to family and friends. This will help the children gain confidence and skills performing to a crowd of people.

The Early Learning Goals for these parts of the curriculum are on our website.

### P.E.

Please make sure that your child's full PE kit is in school for our PE lesson on Friday. All items must be clearly labelled. PE kits will be sent home at the end of the term, ready for a wash!

- T-shirt (house colour)
- Navy/Black shorts
- Jumper (house colour)
- Jogging bottoms
- Socks
- Trainers/PE shoes

We encourage the children to get changed themselves so lots of practice managing buttons, turning sleeves the right way in etc is much appreciated. Thank you.

### Literacy - we will be learning:

#### Reading in Reception

- Phase 2 phonics sounds.
- Recognising own name.
- Orally blending sounds together
- Reading simple CVC words

#### Writing in Reception

- To hold a pencil correctly.
- To write own name (first and surname) independently.
- To be able to correctly form phase 2 sounds.
- Beginning to spell simple CVC words e.g. cat, bin, hot etc. and put them in a short phrase.
- Writing letters to Santa!

### Reading

Reception children need to bring their book bag with their book and Reading Record to school every day. Staff will listen to the children read and change their books over the course of the week.

**Please sign your child's reading record each time they read at home so the teacher knows when they may be ready for a new book.**

Congratulations to the children who earned a prize from Mrs Lidgard for reading 3 times a week for 5 weeks.

### Christmas is just around the corner!

This year Reception will be performing their simple Nativity on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We will be holding a morning and afternoon performance with times to be confirmed later. Tickets will available through the link on the school newsletter nearer the time - watch this space.



### Maths- we will be learning:

- To recognise and name 3D shapes.
- To recognise and order numbers 1-20.
- To count out 10 objects from a group.
- To begin to complete simple additions and subtractions.
- To find 1 more or less than a number.

### General Information

- The children will spend time everyday learning outdoors so please bring a suitable coat that is labelled.
- Reception children also need to bring labelled water bottle to school each day. Please ensure it is filled with water only.
- No toys from home to come into school.
- Please ensure all items of clothing and shoes, including PE kit are clearly labelled - it is frightening how much lost property we accumulate.

Thank you.