

Autumn Term 1st Half 2018 - Reception

Welcome to Reception! We hope you had a wonderful summer and that the children are ready for some learning and fun! We have already had a fantastic week with very few tears. We hope that this newsletter will provide you with lots of helpful information to support your child over the coming half term.

Topic

This half term we will be basing our learning on "Stories by Julia Donaldson". We will be reading the stories of 'Zog', 'Room on a Broom', 'The Gruffalo', 'A Squash and a Squeeze', as well as 'Stickman'. Each of these wonderful books contain repetitive language which allow young children to join in with the stories and learn the sequence of events with ease.

We will be using the stories to link with all areas of learning in the EYFS curriculum. For example we will be making animal homes, designing and mixing potions, discussing being part of a family and immersing the children in storybook language.

We will inform you each week on Tapestry as to the story which will be covered the following week.

W/C 10th September - The Gruffalo

Mathematics

Focus areas will be;

To recognise, name and begin to describe 2D Shapes.

To recognise and order numbers to 10, 20 and beyond.

To accurately count objects in a set or from a larger group.

To use language to compare length and height.

Literacy

In Reading we will be teaching Phase 2 phonics, recognising names, letters and labels in the environment.

In Writing we will be practising holding pencils correctly, name writing and correctly forming Phase 2 phonics sounds. We will begin to write labels and captions.

Reading books

Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading record in school every day. Staff will listen to the children read and change books over the course of the week. **Please sign your child's reading record book each time they have read at home.**

PE

Our focus this half term is finding different ways of moving. We encourage the children to change independently into PE kits, therefore plenty of practise at home is much appreciated - managing buttons, socks and turning clothes the right way round can be tricky! PE kits should remain in school and will be sent home at the end of each half term. A kit list is available on the school website. **Please ensure everything is clearly labelled!**

And finally...

- Please ensure your child brings a suitable outdoor coat every day for outdoor learning.
- Your child needs to bring a labelled water bottle to school every day. Water only please.
- Please label everything!
- Sorry - No toys allowed!

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We look forward to a great half term!