Reception Newsletter – Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break.

We would like to say a huge thank you for all of your support and commitment during our first half term together. We have had such a wonderful start to the year, and your encouragement at home has made a real difference.

We are so proud of how much the children have learnt already. They are all very settled, confident and curious, and it has been an absolute pleasure to teach them.

We have a very exciting and busy half term ahead, with parent consultations, parent workshops, our nativity, a school trip to the Half Moon Theatre and lots of wonderful learning.

Dates for Your Diary

Parent consultations: Tuesday 10th November and Tuesday 17th November 3:15-6:00pm. Please book your 10min slot through Arbor.

Parent Phonics workshop: Wednesday 18th November 3:45 in the library.

Nativity performance: Thursday 10th December 9:30 and 2:30

Trip to the Half Moon Theatre: Friday 11th December (10:30 performance).

We will send out more information about each of these nearer the time.

Our Topic: Celebrations

This half term our topic is Celebrations. We will be learning all about different celebrations, including birthdays, festivals and religious celebrations, and finding out what people do to celebrate.

We would love families to share their own celebrations with us! Please send in photos, or let us know if you would like to come in and talk to the children about a celebration that is special to you.

Phonics

Last half term the children learnt the first 16 sounds. They practised hearing the initial sounds in words, blending sounds together to read words, and segmenting the sounds in words so that they can write them. We have been very impressed with the children's phonics reading and writing.

This half term we will learn another 19 sounds, including some digraphs (two letters that make one sound, such as ‘sh’ and ‘ch’). We are excited to see the children continue to excel!

Maths

We follow the Mastering Number programme, which makes sure the children's knowledge is deep and embedded before we move on.

This half term we will continue to consolidate numbers to 5, including subitising (don't count, look at the amount) and recognising and writing numerals.

We will also introduce the part-whole model, understanding that two parts added together make a whole, and explore different ways of making a number. For example, 4 and 1 make 5, and 3 and 2 also make 5. Towards the end of the half term we will begin to introduce numbers to 10.

Our Big Question

"Who cares for us and who do we care for?"

We will continue to explore our Big Question this half term. Celebrations are a lovely way to think about the people who care for us, as they are often times when family and friends come together. Please keep these conversations going at home.

Our Nativity

We are so excited to start practising our nativity! The children will be working very hard, and we can't wait to invite you to come and watch them perform and show off all of their hard work.

Key Information

Swimming: Swimming will continue to be on Thursdays.

PE: PE is on Fridays. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit.

Labelling: Please continue to label all of your child's clothes with their name. It makes our job so much easier and helps everything find its way home.

Thank You

Thank you once again for everything you do to support your children and our class. Please do speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.

We are looking forward to a very happy and festive half term together!

Warmest wishes,
The Reception Team