

Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

I think you'll agree this year is going very fast and hopefully we will soon have some better weather. In the meantime, it is still very cold and we are finding that the children's hands are getting the coldest, so gloves are an essential!! A warm coat and hat will also help to keep them warm. We access the outside area most days unless we have extreme weather conditions.

We will be continuing to learn through a variety of stories with Talk for Writing and incorporating our seven areas of learning: Communication and Language; Physical Development; Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding of the World and Expressive Arts and Design. The main driver for our work this half term is Geography and we will be looking at our local area and hopefully getting out and about.

At snack time, we have a healthy snack and a drink of milk. All children are encouraged to try the different fruits provided (even if it's just a few nibbles!) In addition, we try to provide other snacks that the children help to prepare. If parents can make a weekly 50p voluntary donation wherever possible, it helps us to continue to do this.

Your child will be given a weekly reading sheet to complete, which consolidates the sounds they have been taught in the classroom. All children will have a 'Me, My Family, My World' book where significant events can be recorded and shared during the session. Thank you to the children that have brought work in to be shared, this helps develop speaking and listening skills which are an important part of early development.

There are reading books available for your child to take home to read/share with you. For children in Reception, please could you write in your child's reading record every time you read/share a story. Books will continue to be changed by a member of the team on a Monday.

We continue to provide physical development experiences daily for your child which can include climbing etc. so leggings or jogging bottoms will help to keep them safe when they are on the equipment both inside and outside.

Please could you ensure that all clothes have your child's name on them as this helps us to easily identify and return them.

We will hopefully be restarting our tooth brushing scheme throughout Foundation Stage, subject to staff receiving a training update. Once completed a consent form will be sent out for you to complete. The children have their own tooth brush that we store for them. Brushing teeth will be made fun through the use of music.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please could you phone the school office to let them know. The school telephone number is 486291. The Foundation Stage number is 502466.

If you have any questions, please contact the main office and we'll arrange a time for a chat.

Yours sincerely

The Reception Team