

# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

October 2020

## WOW!

And just like that, we are in October! We cannot put into words how proud we are of the children and how well they have settled into Reception. They have coped amazingly with coming into school independently and they are truly little superstars!

## Reading

As a Trust, we follow the Read Write Inc. programme. This sets out a sequence of lessons that teaches children to read accurately and fluently with good comprehension. They also learn to form each letter, spell correctly and compose their ideas step-by-step. Last week all children in Reception were assessed for their phonic knowledge. The children have now been placed in phonics groups based on what they already know, and what gaps in learning they have. At this stage, we learn to read and write a new sound each day. More information will follow from Mrs Smith, our school reading lead, in regards to our RWI information meeting. We are having to do things a bit differently this year but in the meantime, please see the link below to see how you can support your children at home.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>



As a Trust, we follow 'Power Maths'. This scheme is based on the mastery approach of teaching numbers and mathematical skills. Each week, we focus on a new number. To help the children form their numbers, we use the Communication 4 all rhyme. Please see the link below to support writing numbers at home.

<http://www.communication4all.co.uk/Numeracy/Number%20Formation%20Rhyme%20Cards.pdf>

## Book Bags, Water Bottles and Clothing

Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day. They will be bringing home their reading books and other things regularly to use at home once we get settled into our RWI groups. We would also like to ask that all water bottles, cardigans, jumpers and coats are labelled clearly with your child's name. Lastly, a polite reminder that children should only be bringing water to school in their water bottles. Thank you.

## Lunches

A reminder that we are a NUT FREE school - thank you so much for your cooperation with this. If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school, please remember that we require pack lunches to be nut, seed, egg and cereal free due to allergies in the year group.



## Wellies

If your child does not have any wellies in school yet, please can you send a named pair in so we can use these for the mud kitchen and outdoor water play.



## Twitter

Thank you so much for the amazing responses we have had to the class Twitters. We update this many times during the week, especially on a Monday where we will show you the classroom set up for the week. We also add weekly updates such as the word of the week, number of the week and most importantly photos of what activities your child is involved in at school. Feel free to post to our class Twitter page any learning or new experiences at home - we love to see these!

## Resources

We are always really grateful for any resources we can use at school. Please see this updated list for things we need for the rest of this term:

- Toilet roll tubes
- Various sizes of cardboard boxes
- Pasta
- Ribbons
- Tin foil
- Yoghurt pots
- Rice
- Pinecones
- Conkers
- Donations of any Halloween resources/decorations

## Learning Log

Thank you for supporting your child in completing their learning log, we have had some fantastic pieces over the last few weeks. Feel free to use Twitter to show your teachers your children's learning at home - we love to see this and it will give other families some ideas too 😊 Every **Friday**, your child will bring home a learning log task. Learning logs are to be completed and returned the following **Thursday**.

Thank you again for your continued support through these very different times! If you have any questions do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team, or make an appointment. Have a lovely week 😊

The Reception team