

# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

## This Month in Reception!

This term has been a brilliant half term and has been jam packed with lots of different themes. The children have continued to learn new things and develop new skills each day. We have been learning about many different celebrations including Bonfire night, Diwali, birthdays and weddings. We have really enjoyed days where we have discussed and based our activities around Remembrance Day, Children in Need and Antbullying Week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating these together.



This month, we have been busy reading, 'Cake' to help us write lists, instructions, labels and captions.

Our RWI phonics sessions are really helping the children to learn to read and write. The children have loved learning their new sounds.

In maths, we have been using part whole models to help us understand number bonds to 5. We have also learnt how to create first, then and now stories to understand one more and one less.

In our project work, we have loved learning about how to use clay and using different tools and techniques to create our own diva lamps. We even used words such as 'serrated' and 'sculpt'.

## The Next Few Weeks



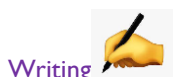
### Phonics

Phonics and early reading remain high priority in reception and all children attend phonics lessons daily, with additional sessions for some. As you may have seen at home our children join in with these lessons enthusiastically and would love the opportunity to show off their developing knowledge at home. We will continue to send home QR codes so the children can continue practising at home.



### Maths

In maths, we are going to be continuing to develop our number bonds to 5 and understand all the different ways we can make the number. We will be using the language of in, on, under, in between, in front, behind to help describe space and position.



### Writing

Every morning (and throughout the day), our children are working hard to write their names. They are making amazing progress with their letter formation and many are able to form letters correctly. This activity will continue most mornings so please encourage your child to write their name at home.

## Events

We have some wonderful things taking place over the next few weeks in Reception. Our Christmas Nativity will be taking place on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10am** and **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1:45pm in our school hall**. Please remember to practise your child's lines with them so they have a loud clear voice. We are providing all the children with a costume, so please don't worry.

We also have the Christmas dinner, Christmas party and Christmas jumper/party wear day on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. There is no need for any party food to be brought to school on this day as the children will have just had their Christmas dinner at lunch time.

## Wider Curriculum

We will be spreading the Christmas cheer around our classroom getting involved in lots of different Christmas and Winter crafts and challenges. If you have any spare resources we would love any donations.

## Resources

We are always really grateful for any resources we can use especially things we can use to make models at school. Please see below a list of resources we are always looking for to enhance our modelling area.

- Cardboard tubes
- Various sizes of cardboard boxes
- Pasta
- Buttons
- Ribbons
- Tin foil
- Yoghurt pots
- Autumnal objects (conkers, fir cones)
- Materials
- Anything interesting that you have spare and you think the children will enjoy using!

**Unfortunately, we cannot accept any boxes or containers that have had seeds or nuts in them.**

## Learning Log/Homework

Every **Friday**, your child will bring home a learning log, reading book and reading diary. These are to be completed and returned the following **Thursday**.

## Reading

At Lofthouse Gate we love to read. Each term, we will have our 5 favourite class books to enjoy with the children. This term our favourite 5 books are:



**The Wonky Donkey**  
**Room on the Broom**  
**Six Dinner Sid**  
**The Scarecrow's Wedding**  
**Stickman**



As always, if you have any questions or queries don't hesitate to come and talk to any one of us. No problem is too small and we welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Miss Bowe, Miss Cowling, Miss Hudson, Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Pickersgill, Miss Pickersgill and Mrs Sadler