

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

This Month in Reception!

This term has been a brilliant half term and has been jam packed with lots of different celebrations. The children have continued to learn new things and develop new skills each day. We have learnt about many different celebrations over the term so far; including Bonfire night, Diwali and Birthdays. 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 so busy reading 'Rama and Sita' and '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. We have use different tools to create effects and explored mixing colours. We will use all these to create our own Diva Lamps.

The next few weeks

Phonics



Phonics are **g** remain high priority in reception and all children will 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 **!** going to be exploring how to make numbers to 10 using tens frames and comparing numbers within 10. 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.

Wider Curriculum

We will be exploring the festival of 'Christmas' discussing how and why it is celebrated and how we celebrate it with our families. We will then be comparing Christmas with Diwali. In our diploma work we will be looking at how to stay safe when travelling in a car and as a pedestrian, as well as learning the Green Cross Code.

Events

We have some wonderful things taking place over the next few weeks in Reception. Our Christmas Nativity will be taking place on **Thursday 14th December at 1:45pm** and **Tuesday 19th December 10am** in our school hall. Please remember to practise your child's lines with them so they have a loud clear voice.

We also have the Christmas dinner, Christmas party and Christmas jumper/party wear day on **Wednesday 20th 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.

Thursday 7th December 3:30-5:30pm- Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 13th December AM- Dick Whittington Pantomime

Donations

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.

Reading

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

Room on the Broom

Festival of Colors

The Scarecrow's Wedding

Stickman

Supertato



Resources

As always, we are grateful for any resources we can use in school (especially things we can use to make models!) 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 • Tin foil • Yoghurt pots • 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 **Thursday**, your child will bring home a learning log, reading book and reading diary. These are to be completed and returned the following **Thursday**. Your child may receive some additional phonics work throughout the week from their phonics teacher. This work will be modelled to the children so they know exactly what to do. Please make sure you check your child's book bag daily and return any books on a **Thursday**.

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

On behalf of everyone in Reception, we really appreciate all of your support. We can't wait for a fantastic half term!

Many Thanks,

Miss Cowling, Mrs Spencer, Miss Jones, Mrs Pickersgill, Mrs Williams

The Reception Team