

# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

## Spring I!

Can we start with saying that we hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and we are so happy to see everybody back in the academy. The children have come back to school with excitement and enthusiasm! This month, we have been busy reading, 'Monkey Puzzle' and the children have enjoyed learning how to retell the story using Makaton actions. Our new topic is called, 'Amazing Planet' and this covers lots of different areas of the EYFS curriculum. The children have been building 3D dens, weaving, writing funny captions and learning new words such as 'humorous' and 'tropical'.



During our 'Time To...' sessions we have been learning about different breathing techniques, how to relax our bodies and how this can have a positive impact on our mood and mental health.

We have also been learning about recycling and how to re-use plastic. It has been wonderful to see how you all recycle at home. Keep those tweets coming!



Our RWI phonics sessions are really helping all the children to learn to read and write. The children have loved learning their new sounds and we will continue to blend and segment to develop our reading and writing. Please continue to practice these skills at home!



In Maths, we have been comparing groups within 10 and using language such as, 'more than' and, 'fewer than'. To support learning at home, we have provided logins in your child's learning log. One is for Google Classroom and one is for School Jam (Maths specific). Your class teacher will let you know when you need to access these.

## Next Half Term



Our new topic is called, 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' It covers lots of different areas of the EYFS curriculum. Above, you will see our main focus for next half term. We are very excited to teach the children all about the natural world, plants, animals and lifecycles.

## Power Maths

In our maths sessions, we will be focusing on addition to 10 and combining two groups to find the whole. At home, you can support your child by encouraging careful counting of real objects and knowing the total of groups of objects and number bonds to 10. Please note: you will see our 'Number of the Week' cover previous numbers as we are consolidating learning. If you would like to learn the number rhymes for writing numbers at home, please follow the link below:

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

## Resources

As always, we are really 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:

- Newspapers
  - 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 **Friday**, 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 the phonics books on a Thursday. A really useful link that has a menu of activities designed to have a positive impact on learning and health:

<https://50thingstodo.org/>

## 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:

- Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell**
- The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle**
- Super Worm by Julia Donaldson**
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle**
- What the Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson**



We hope you enjoy listening to all the stories about your child's learning in school - we are so proud of them all 😊

On behalf of everyone in Reception, we really appreciate all of your support. We can't wait for another fantastic month of learning!

Stay safe!

**The Reception Team**