

# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Well done to all the children for an excellent first half term in Reception. We would like to give a big thank you to all the children (and grown ups!) that joined in with home learning tasks. Thank you very much for sending lots of tweets in, so that we could stay in touch with the children and see how much they enjoyed their learning. For those children learning in school, they have thoroughly enjoyed our class themes, topics and activities in the provision week after week.

## Autumn 2

As we move into Autumn 2, all the staff in Reception are working really hard on our classrooms and provision to make Autumn 2 another great half term. Our main topic is 'Celebrations and Festivals' which is always a lovely topic for the children, especially at this time of year. The children are going to be learning about different celebrations and festivals that happen throughout the Autumn term such as Bonfire night, Remembrance, Diwali, and of course Christmas! We also use this time of year to learn about other celebrations such as birthdays and weddings.



## Talk for Writing

Each half term we use a new story for our Talk for Writing sessions. This half term's story is called Cake. It is a lovely story that promotes discussion around celebrations. We will have a go at learning the story using a story map, we will explore the story through 3 progressive stages. Imitating the story, innovating the story and inventing the story. We will share our progress with you on Twitter.



## Google Classroom

Should there ever be a time that we need to use Google classroom, one has set up for each class. Please find details of your logins on the front page of your learning log. More details will come out to you if needed.

## Our Favourite 5

We have changed our favourite 5 stories - we can't wait to share them with the children.

The Rainbow Fish  
Stickman  
Room on the Broom  
The Secret Path  
The Colour Monster



## Maths

As mentioned before, we use 'Power Maths' in school to teach Maths. We have done a lot of work in Autumn 1 about numbers 1-5 and really making sure we understand how to count with confidence. This half term, we are starting to use these numbers practically in different ways such as grouping, sorting and number bonds. Please see the link below to support writing numbers at home.

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



## Resources

As always, we are grateful for any resources we can use at school. Thank you to everyone who brings items in for our children to model with. Please see this updated list for things we are looking for, for the rest of this term:

- Toilet roll tubes (for rockets and fireworks!)
- Various sizes of cardboard boxes
- Pasta
- Ribbons
- Tin foil
- Yoghurt pots
- Rice (for Diwali patterns)
- Sticks

Thank you again for your continued support. Even though we have faced some challenges along the way, we have still been able to work together to support the children in receiving a fun and engaging Reception journey in school.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team, or make an appointment. Have a lovely half term.

The Reception Team