

# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

## Spring 2



We have had a jam-packed half term this Spring 2 and how fantastic it has been, especially with our learning and progress! This term we have been very busy reading 'Superworm' and the children have been learning how to retell the story through Talk for Writing. We have loved our topic this half term we have been learning all about the lifecycles of living things and learning the parts of a plant. We also loved and learnt so much about minibeasts during our trip to RSPB Old Moor. We will be having visitors in our investigation area in Summer 1. Can you guess what they might be?



### Phonics

Our RWI phonics sessions continue to remain high priority in Reception, and they are really helping the children to learn to blend and segment, whilst also learning to recognise and read their 'special friends' within words. We will continue to send QR codes home weekly in their learning log so that the children can continue this learning at home.

### Writing



The children are making fantastic progress with their writing skills, using their magic 5 within their writing and becoming increasingly more independent writers. Next half term, we will be continuing to increase children's independence to write short sentences that can be read by others containing all of the magic 5. As always, we appreciate any support you can offer your child with their writing at home.

### Maths



This half term, the children have made fantastic progress especially with their number bonds to 10. Next half term we will be looking at counting on and back, doubling, sharing and halving numbers within 10.

### Summer 1



Next half term our topic is 'Turn the Page'. We will be exploring many different traditional tales. We will be comparing the past and the present clothes, transport and how special events are celebrated using the story 'Cinderella' to support this.

### PE Mondays

PE Mondays will continue next half-term. On Mondays your child will come to school in their P.E kits and remain in these all day. (No school uniform is required to change into.) We will be having PE sessions on a morning and enjoying a range of PE activities in the afternoon practising a variety of gross motor skills.

### 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:

- 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**.

### 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;



Mog  
Handa's Hen  
Zog



The Owl Who Was Afraid of The Dark  
Goldilocks and The Three Bears

Goldilocks and The Three Bears is our Talk for Writing book next half term. The children will learn to retell the story using actions. Please encourage your child to retell the story to you using their actions at home. They are brilliant at retelling stories.

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.

Many Thanks,

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

The Reception Team