

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

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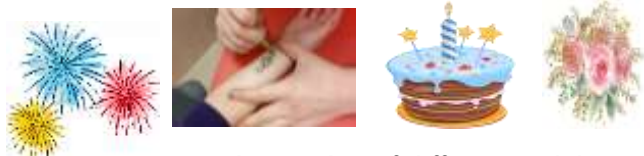
Autumn 2 so far!

I speak on behalf of all the children and staff when I say that this half term has been brilliant so far! It has been jam packed with lots of different themes and activities and the children have continued to learn new things and develop new skills each day.



With a slight change to plan, we followed the children's interests and changed our Talk4Writing story to 'Stickman!' The children really enjoyed retelling the story in our outdoor area and we thought it would be a perfect book to continue to discover.

The children have loved innovating the story by changing the characters and the ending so far!



We have learnt about a lot of different celebrations over the term so far including Bonfire night, Diwali birthdays and weddings. The children have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating these together. Thank you very much for the lovely feedback we have received from parents - we do really enjoy planning and setting up these themed learning weeks for the children. We have also had days where we have discussed and based our activities around Remembrance Day, Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Week.



Home Learning

In the event that we may need tools to support learning at home, we have stuck 2 log ins to the inside cover of your child's learning log. One for Google Classrooms and one for School Jam (Maths). Your class teacher will let you know if these are needed.

Christmas!

As we move towards our final few weeks before the Christmas holidays, we would love to share with you a few things we have planned for the children.

The children have been really busy recently making gifts for the residents at a local care home. We cannot wait for them to be delivered as we know they will put a huge smile on someone's face this Christmas. The residents will each be receiving a box of items, one item made from each year group in school. I think Receptions efforts are amazing and will look great and will look so festive in one of the resident's rooms!



Christmas Cards

If you wish your child to bring in Christmas cards for their friends. these must be brought in before the 10th December and placed into the class post box. These will be collected by staff then quarantined. These will be handed out the following week.

Christmas Party Day

We will be having our Christmas party on Wednesday 16th December. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the children including crafts, games and dancing. Children are invited to bring party clothes to school with them in a named bag to wear in the afternoon.

The children will also be able to have a Christmas dinner on this day provided by the school kitchen, so please join in the festivities and order a Christmas dinner!

Christmas Jumper Day

Children can come into school wearing a Christmas jumper on Friday 18th December. They will also be watching a virtual pantomime on the final day!

Resources

We make lots of lovely things around Christmas so any spare Christmas wrapping papers or ribbons, and any sized boxes you have would be greatly received. We would also like every child to bring to school a box (around shoe box size) by **Wednesday 9th December**. Please write their name underneath so we know it is theirs!

Royal Mail letter to Santa

As the children are now at the age where they are starting to read and write words, we would like to let you know about the service Royal Mail provide at Christmas. If your child would like to write Santa a letter you can post this by the 11th December and receive a reply from Santa himself through the post! Please see the Royal Mail website for more info.

<https://www.royalmail.com/christmas/letters-to-santa>

If you have any questions do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team, or make an appointment. Thank you for your continued support, **The Reception Team**