

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

This Month in Reception!

We have had a wonderful month in Reception. We are so proud with how well the children have progressed in their phonics and number, the children are just brilliant! A big thank you from all of us in Reception for making our first half term as successful as it has been. It has been a big adjustment for many children (and probably some parents and carers), and we appreciate the support you have given this half term.

This month we have been so busy reading 'On the Journey Home from Grandpa's 'Owl Babies' and 'Room on the Broom' to help us write captions and labels.

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 learning numbers to 5. We have also looked at sorting objects into more than two groups. We loved sorting the Autumn leaves into different categories! Finally, we looked at 2D and 3D shapes.

Next half term



Phonics



Phonics and early reading 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



Next half term, we will be continuing with understanding better numbers to 10 (including counting and recognising numbers to 10 as well as finding number bonds to 5). At school, we provide many opportunities for children to practise these skills through games and fun activities. These can be replicated at home so any additional activities you do at home are very welcome.

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.

PE



Next half term our PE sessions will continue to be on **Mondays** for both **RC and RSJ**. Please ensure the children arrive in the correct PE kit and bring their school uniform in a bag.

Wider Curriculum

We will be finding out about festivals next half term, including Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. If you have any photographs of your children celebrating these festivals or other special events such as birthdays, anniversaries etc we would love to see the children's experiences.

As part of our new topic 'Festivals and Celebrations', the children will be celebrating and learning all about the celebration of Diwali. This will take place on **Wednesday 15th November** in the afternoon. Please complete the Google form to give permission for your child to have a small Mendi pattern on their hand if they wish to.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on Tuesday 7th November and Wednesday 8th November. You will have received a letter of how to book these appointments. If you are unable to please speak to the class teacher.

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



'The Journey Home from Grandpa's' is our Talk for Writing book this half term. The children will be learning Makaton actions to retell the story, at home you could practise these.

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