

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2!

I speak on behalf of all the children and staff when I say that this half term has been brilliant! 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. This month, we have been so busy reading 'Cake' and looking at festivals and celebrations to help us write lists and labels. We now know about a lot of different celebrations, including Bonfire night, Diwali, birthdays and weddings. We have really enjoyed days where we have discussed and based our activities around Remembrance Day, Children in Need and Anti Bullying Week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating these together. We even had two lovely parents get married in RB, it was so lovely to see the wedding pictures!



To support learning at home, we have provided log ins in your child's learning journey. One for Google Classroom and one for School Jam (Maths). Your class teacher will let you know when you need to access these.

Our RWI phonics sessions are really helping 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.

In maths, we have been learning number bonds to 5 using parts and the whole and using language such as 'more than' and 'fewer than'.

In our project work we have been exploring salt dough, play dough and clay. We hope you loved our Diva Lamps!



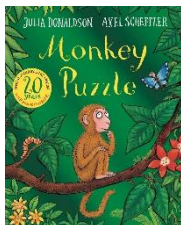
Next Month

SPRING 1: AMAZING PLANET



Our new topic is called 'Amazing Planet'. It covers lots of different areas of the EYFS curriculum. Above you will see our main focus for this half term. We are very excited to teach the children about the rainforest and jungles, making 3D models and dens and having lots of opportunities to develop our fine and gross motor skills.

Our Talk4Writing book is 'Monkey Puzzle'. The children will be learning about the characters (animals) in the story, creating a story map, and learning Makaton actions to support them in retelling the story.



Power Maths

In our maths sessions, we will be focusing on counting to 10. At home, you can support your child by encouraging careful counting of real objects and knowing the total of groups of objects. 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:

- 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 term our favourite 5 books are:



**Tiger who Came to Tea
Rumble in the Jungle
Giraffes that Can't Dance
Elmer**



Please Mr. Panda

We hope you enjoy listening to all the stories about your child's fantastic month in school and we can't wait to see them again in the new year!

On behalf of everyone in Nursery and Reception, we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We can't wait for another amazing term next year!

Stay safe 😊

The Reception Team

