

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! It has been so lovely to see all of your poppy creations, baking and odd socks! Thank you for the delicious treats you baked for us!

This month we have been so busy reading 'Cake' and looking at festivals and celebrations to help us write lists 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 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.

In our Project work we have been exploring salt dough, play dough and clay. We will be creating our own Diva Lamps soon!

Next Month

Next month we will be reading one of our favourite stories 'Frozen', 'A Jolly Christmas Postman' and 'One Snowy Night'. We will be learning to retell the story, recognise familiar words and segment sounds in simple words.

We will continue with our phonics sessions where we will begin to segment and blend sounds to read words. Watch out for Fred the Frog who helps us sound out words! Remember to use those Fred Fingers too!

In Maths, we will be continuing to learn number bonds to 5 and introducing the part-whole model.



Events

We are still continuing to practice our 'Nativity' so please keep learning those lines at home!

Our Christmas party will take place on **Thursday 16th December**. We will shortly be asking you to complete our party food list so we can begin our preparations for our festivities! **Thursday 16th December** is also our Christmas Jumper Day. Everybody is invited to wear their normal uniform with the addition of a festive jumper (or t-shirt). Our Christmas dinner day will be on **Wednesday 15th December**. Can we please ask that children have ordered their lunch, using the online system, by 1st December. This will allow our catering team to place orders and hopefully avoid any delivery delays. Any child who does not have access to this please contact the office and they will assist you. Keep an eye out for a text/letter about Christmas costumes! Coming shortly!

Belongings

We would like to ask that all book bags, water bottles, cardigans, jumpers, hats and coats are labelled clearly with your child's name.

Twitter

We really enjoy sharing the children's learning environment, and activities we do in class with you via Twitter. We update this regularly throughout the week to keep you up to date with what is going on in school. Please return your twitter form if you haven't already done so and request to follow the class page.



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Resources

We are always really grateful for any resources we can use especially things we can use to make models at school. Please see below a list of resources we are always looking for to enhance our modelling area.

- Cardboard tubes
- Drain pipes, piping etc
- Various sizes of cardboard boxes
- Pasta
- Buttons
- Ribbons
- Tin foil
- Yoghurt pots
- Christmas resources (tinsel, wrapping paper, Christmas decorations, Christmas cards)
- 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**. Inside your learning log, you will also find a slip which you can complete to tell us about any learning experiences your child has had, or a new skill they have achieved that week. This can be anything from practising numbers, learning how to read new sounds or getting a swimming badge!

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. This term our favourite 5 books are;



Farmer Duck
Up and Down
Whatever Next!
Hairy Maclary
The Little Red Hen



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 on Monday. The doors will continue to open at 8:50am for your child to come into class and please collect your children at 3:15pm. Do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team if you have any questions.

The Reception Team