



# Reception Newsletter



**AUTUMN TERM 2**

**NOVEMBER 2021**



Welcome to Reception's second newsletter of the year.

Autumn 2 is always a very busy and exciting time in Reception. Below is a brief summary of the things we will be covering over the next 7 weeks.

If you ever have any questions regarding information in the newsletter or just in general, please speak to a member of the Reception team or contact the school office who will direct your queries to us.

This half term our work and activities will be based around our topic '**Wonders of the World**'.

In week 1, we will explore the festival of **Diwali and Bonfire Night** and will learn about the traditions and customs linked to these cultural and religious events

In week 2, we will think about **Remembrance Day** and begin to explore some similarities and differences between things in the past and now,

Week 3, is **Anti Bullying Week, Road Safety Week, and Children in Need**. We will think about what it is to be a good friend, how to keep safe when out and about and enjoy fun activities with Pudsey bear. We will also have our visit from the Wonder Dome Space team where we will experience a visual Space adventure.

In week 4, we will explore the themes **Light and Dark**. We will build upon our Space adventure in the Wonder Dome and explore further facts and vocabulary linked to space and planets and differing materials.

In week 5, we are going to let the children decide what **Wonders of the World** they would like to investigate. This may include volcanoes or tornadoes, dinosaurs or earthquakes, lightening or Ancient worlds, the choice is endless!

The last few weeks of term are dedicated to **Christmas**. We will learn about the Christian festival of Christmas and how Christmas is celebrated around the world. We will learn some Christmas songs, make Christmas crafts and we will stage a Christmas Nativity play for parents and carers.

To support the teaching and learning of our key themes and ideas this term, we will be reading a range of fiction and non fiction texts. Below is a list of some of the books that we will be reading:

Laura's Star; Aliens in Underpants Save the World; Shiny or Dull; The Owl that was Afraid of the Dark; The Darkest Dark; The Solar System; The Moon; Going into Space; Whatever Next; Man on the Moon; Look Inside Space; The Aliens are Coming; How to Catch a Star; The Way Back Home; Aliens Love Underpants; Stickman; Father Christmas Needs a Wee; Peppa meets Father Christmas, Aliens love Panta Claus; Simon Sock; Where the Poppies Now Grow.

In Maths this half term we will move onto **Phase 2**, of the White Rose Maths Scheme of Work for Reception, titled **It's Me 123!**

In this unit of work we will look at the key ideas of representing 1, 2, 3; comparing 1, 2, 3; composition of 1, 2, 3; investigating circles and triangles; and understanding and using positional language.

Please remember to label all personal items such as jumpers and coats.

Please can all children bring into school a spare set of clothes and underwear in a labelled bag just in case they get wet whilst playing outside in the Winter months.

In our daily Read Write Inc phonics sessions we will continue to introduce the sounds in Set 1 and use the taught sounds to blend and segment simple CVC words.

We will continue to send home library books and in addition we will start to send home blending books and blending activities to support your child's learning in class.

Please make sure that your child brings their reading folder and planner into school everyday.

This will become even more important as they begin to take home reading materials and books.