



Reception Newsletter



AUTUMN TERM 2

November 2023



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 8 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 '**Partington, Polar Regions and Celebrations**.

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

In week 2, we will recall some simple facts and historical stories linked to **Remembrance Day** and explore characters from the past through stories.

Week 3, is **Anti Bullying Week and Children in Need**. We will think about what it is to be a good friend and enjoy some fun activities with Pudsey bear and we will begin to explore where we live and our **local community**.

In week 4, we will explore the **Polar Regions** and think about how they are different to Partington. Week 4, is also **Road Safety** week and we will think about how we can keep safe when out and about.

In week 5, we will continue to explore the polar regions of the **Arctic and Antarctica** and discuss the habitats and wild-life that are found at both regions.

Week 6, is our **DT week** and during this week we will explore and describe malleable materials and then select a malleable material to make a Christmas decoration, which the children will bring home.

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:

Rama and Sita and the story of Diwali; Where the Poppies Now Grow; Ruby's Worry; Lost and Found; Non fiction texts about the polar regions; Stickman; The Nativity Story

In Maths, we will continue following the White Rose Reception Scheme of Learning. In week 1 we will complete Block 3, Its Me 123. In week 2, we will look at circles and triangles in Block 4.

In weeks 3 and 4, we will complete Block 5, looking at numbers 12345. In weeks 5 and 6, we will complete Block 6 and look at shapes with 4 sides. For the remaining weeks of the term, we will consolidate the learning that we have completed throughout the Autumn term.

In our daily Read Write Inc phonics sessions we will continue to introduce the single sounds and special friends in Set 1 and use the taught sounds to blend and segment simple words. We will send home weekly phonics homework and reading materials that are closely matched to their level of phonic attainment. We will continue to send home weekly library books for you and your child to read and enjoy together.

Please remember to label all personal items especially jumpers and coats.

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

This term Mrs Jones' class will do PE on a Tuesday and Mrs Caswell's class will do it on a Thursday. On these days, your child will come home in their PE kits, so please remember to send in leggings and track suit bottoms as the weather gets colder.