

Welcome to Reception

We hope you had a lovely break and are all ready for another exciting half term in reception.

Our topic this half term is 'If you go down to the woods'. We will be reading lots of stories set in the woods including The Gruffalo, Little Red Riding Hood and The Gingerbread Man. We have also planned a visit to Salisbury Woods where we will be identifying signs of autumn, collecting autumn objects and looking for different woodland animals. As well as all this, we will be learning about Remembrance Day, the Hindu festival of Diwali, Bonfire Night and of course Christmas.

We will be continuing to learn our letter sounds and using our new knowledge to segment and blend simple words whilst reading and writing.

In maths we will be learning to order and recognise numbers 1-20 and match the correct quantity. We will be finding one more and one less than a given number and comparing objects length, weight and capacity.

How you can help at home.

It is crucial that you try to read with your child at least 3 times a week in order to support their learning at school. Please sign their school diary and comment on how they have read. If you have any questions or concerns about reading, please do not hesitate to come and speak to Mrs Clarke or Mrs Farley. We will be more than happy to talk to you and assist you with reading at home with your child.

Please ask your child about what they have been learning at school. Look at our class page on the school website and talk about the topic and the photos you see. Your child will be delighted to share their memories with you.

There are lots of opportunities to develop maths skills at home or when you are out and about. Look at house numbers, count how many steps you do when you are walking, look at the numbers on packets of food or on different items in the house, such as a tube of toothpaste or a bottle of shampoo.

Reminders

- Please make sure **all** items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name including hats, gloves and coats and shoes.
- Please encourage your child to become independent in the mornings by leaving them at the classroom door and allowing them to come into class on their own.
- Please make sure your child has a warm coat with a hood or a hat to wear as the weather is becoming colder as we will be using our outdoor area for learning.
- Please complete the 'You're a Star' slip below if your child does anything amazing or new at home. We will share it with the rest of the class!
- Reading books will be changed on a Tuesday and Friday. Please make sure the children bring them back into school each week with their diary signed.
- Please check our class page on the school website for updates of our learning in class.
- Boundary Learning Together work will be sent home each Friday with your child.
- Stay and play will be on Wednesday 18th December 8.45-9.45.
- Reception's Nativity will be on Tuesday 17th December.


You're a Star!


Name

Achievement

Signature