



Reception Newsletter



Over the last two weeks we have been working very hard in our English and Mathematics books where we have enjoyed many Halloween activities. We particularly enjoyed reading Room on the Broom where we created our own spells and potions in our lab and created spooky Halloween number sentences learning how to add and subtract.



This term we have started to look at our new topic celebrations and are enjoying our new role play areas in the classroom. We are learning about many different celebrations in our own lives and various festivals that go on around the world. We are also looking forward to our RE topic Birthdays, where we will be preparing for the birth of Jesus.

This week we have just started learning our Phase 3 sounds and are trying very hard. If you want to practice these at home you can find the videos on YouTube if you search, Jolly Phonics Phase Three. Some other useful websites for phonics include:

- www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- www.ictgames.com/literacy.html
- www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks
- <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-3-games.html>
- JollyPhonics app for phones and tablets

Little reminders:

- PE kits must be in school every Wednesday, this should include a white top, navy/ black shorts and plimsolls. Please make sure your child's name is in their kit as with many children getting changed at the same time some of the children are mixing up their PE kits.

- Reading bags must come into school or we will not be able to change your child's reading book.

Zebras and Tigers - Monday and Wednesday

Giraffes and Hippos - Tuesday and Thursday

- *Tapestry forms* must all be returned so we can set up your account to view your child's learning journal. Within Reception, we take a new approach to learning by working in our school books. So, compared to nursery they will be 2 observations per child per term with other work completed and gathered in your child's books and folders.
- We are currently looking for any role play dress up costumes, dolls house people, vehicles and home corner/ dolls house resources. If you have any old toys which you wish to donate please speak to the Reception team, thank you!

Dates for the Diary:

19.11.18 - Flu nasal spray

22.11.18 - Reception parents meetings

23.11.18 - CAFOD movie night (Reception's to be held in their own class)

30.11.18- Reception Stay and Play (2:30pm - 3:30pm)

18.12.18 - Reception / KSI Nativity (Time to be confirmed)

19.12.18 - Reception / KSI Christmas party

20.12.18 - Christmas Mass

21.12.18 - School closes

18.1.18 Enchanted Story time (3:30pm - 4:30pm, siblings welcome, more details nearer the time)

If you have any concerns please come and see us, however small you think the problem is. We are all here to help.

