

# Reception Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2017

Welcome to Reception Class Newsletter. We hope you enjoy finding out about the exciting things we will be learning this term.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be developing friendships and relationships with our peers and familiar adults. We will gain self confidence to organise our own activities and work as part of a group during learning and play. Please encourage your child to talk about school and their new friends.

## Communication and Language

We will be listening and responding to stories, poems and rhymes about Harvest, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Day, Advent and Christmas. We will use talk to understand our own thinking, ideas, feelings and experiences as we introduce a storyline into our play. Why not ask your child about their favourite part of school?

## Physical Development

We will develop our physical skills moving freely with confidence and pleasure, travelling and balancing under and over climbing apparatus. We will learn to crawl, run, jump and skip; use scissors with skill and accuracy and hold a pencil with a preferred hand. We will learn to fasten our own coat and dress and undress for PE with help. Please help your child to practise dressing and undressing themselves.

## Literacy Reading and Writing

We will look at books independently, handling them carefully. We will listen to and join in with stories, describing the characters and main events. We will hear and say the initial sound in words and begin to read words and simple sentences. We will describe the marks we make when we draw, write and paint. Encourage your child to recognise and write their name.

## Mathematics

Number and Shape Space and Measure

We will be learning to recite number names in order up to 20; match quantity to numeral correctly and show an interest in number problems. We will show an interest in shapes as we talk about everyday objects. We will name 2D and 3D shapes and use familiar objects to create patterns. Help your child by counting lots of different objects.

## Understanding the World

We will join in with familiar customs and routines as we learn about Harvest, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Remembrance day. We will look closely at the season of Autumn during outdoor learning on Forest Fridays. We will use ICT independently to capture and record our learning. You can support your child's learning by talking about different festivals.

## Expressive Art and Design

We will enjoy joining in with singing, dancing and ring games; exploring paint, play dough and clay and using construction materials to design and build. Why not create a family picture at home using different materials?

## Reminders

- Please send your child with a named water bottle each day.
- Please name and label everything - it really does help your child and staff if anything goes missing.
- Ensure your child brings a coat to school everyday as we play outside most days.
- FOREST FRIDAYS: - We discover our environment in all weather. Please bring in a named pair of wellies to keep in school.
- In Reception we ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per half term. We use the money to provide cooking ingredients and other malleable materials such as corn flour and shaving foam/

**Thank you for your support!**  
**Miss Bowen, Mrs Cullen and Miss Kaur**