



Reception Newsletter

A Note from the teachers

Welcome back to Autumn term 2! We hope you've had a lovely, restful break.

Miss Bharij and Miss Sharifee are very excited for the learning that will take place this term! We hope you are all ready to learn and expand your minds.

This term in class we are learning about...

This term in Reception, we're learning about **Festivals and Celebrations**. We'll explore Bonfire Night, Diwali, Thanksgiving, and Christmas through fun activities like creating our own fireworks with paint, making Diva lamps with clay, and crafting festive decorations. We'll talk about the meaning behind each celebration, learn about traditions, and focus on themes like gratitude, kindness, and safety. Along the way, we'll focus on important learning skills such as responsibility (by helping each other and taking care of our work) and independence (by making choices and completing tasks on our own). The children will have plenty of opportunities to engage in play-based learning, helping them develop social skills and an appreciation for different cultures. We're looking forward to a joyful and festive term!

Our literacy focus is the exciting book **Look Up!** by Nathan Bryon. Through this story children will engage in dialogue, writing sentences and re-telling the story using full sentences.

In maths we will be order numerals 0 to 20. Adding two single-digit numbers totalling up to 10, using practical equipment. Subtract a single-digit number from a number up to 10 using practical equipment.

PE

This term P.E. will be on a Monday. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit, which consists of a purple t-shirt, black tracksuit bottoms or leggings or shorts (weather permitted) and trainers or plimsolls. Kits are available in the office should you need to purchase any item(s).

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Thursday and is due in on Tuesday. Children will be expected to complete either a Maths or English worksheet that has been set that week and their home reader book.

Reading at home

Children will have Home Readers that we expect them to read on a daily basis. These books will be changed on a Tuesday and Thursday. The extra practice at home is vital in improving their reading skills. Children will have a reading record for you to write any comments in every time you read with them. These will be checked in school on a regular basis. Phonics homework will be sent out daily and this term we are looking at tricky words such as: I, to, a, the, you, said, be, me and my.

Term Dates:

Autumn term 2 - 4th November 2024 - 20th December '24

Half term: 23rd December 2024 - 3rd January '24

Spring term 1 - 6th January 2025-14th February '25

Key Dates:

Tuesday 26th November - Parents' Evening

Thursday 28th November - Parents' Evening

Thursday 12th December - Christmas dinner and jumper day.

Friday 13th December - Christmas Fayre (1-3)

Tuesday 17th December - KS2 Christmas carol concerts (9 AM & 1PM)

Thursday 19th December - Class parties PM