

Summer 1 2019



Reception News

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break.

Learning Challenge

Our Learning Challenge this half term will be 'Let's Go Down to The Woods Today'. We will be looking at a range of story books relating to this topic. In English we will look at the books 'The Gruffalo' and 'Owl Babies'. We will think about the different settings and environments in the stories and will explore the themes of the natural world we live in. Throughout this topic children will have many opportunities to explore the outdoor environment and carry out research using a variety of methods.

We will also be continuing our daily phonics lessons where children will learn a specific letter sound each day. We aim to provide lots of opportunities to learn the daily sound by displaying them in the provision within the classroom for the children to access independently. As a result of the children becoming more confident with the sounds, we have now started to segment and blend words in order to read. Children are making fantastic progress!

In Maths we will be focusing on learning about adding and subtracting single digit numbers. We will be exploring different methods which we can use to solve our mathematical problems.



Settling back in

The Reception Team hope that you have all had a fun half term. We are now preparing for our transition to Year 1. We wish to remind you that doors open at 8.45am and close at 9am and the school day now ends at 3pm. To ensure that we can begin our Phonics lessons promptly at 9.10am can we ask that children arrive at the correct door on time. This time in the morning will also enable us to relay any messages or inform you of any urgent matters. If you have any questions or concerns the member of staff on the door will be happy to help. We encourage children to be dropped off at the door by an adult, allowing them to come in independently and settle into their morning routines with increasing self-confidence.



Reading Books

Your child will continue to read daily in class throughout this term. Each child will learn to read the book at school with one of the Reception team. Once your child is confident at reading the book we will then allow them to take the book home for them to share and discuss with you.

Along with your child's book there will be a reading log where you can record when you have listened to them read and add any comments that you feel are important, including any words or sounds they are finding tricky. It is extremely important that children are read with at home to help with their development. **We ask that children have their book bags with them in school on a daily basis.**



Thank you again for your continued support. Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions.

Miss Dunn, Miss Watkin, Miss Bruce, Mrs Qayyum, Mrs Dauraz, Mr Skillings, Miss Hardy and Miss Khan.

Quick Reminders

- ❖ Can you please make sure that your child brings their book bag daily to allow us to listen to your child read and provide us with the opportunity to change their reading books regularly.
- ❖ We ask that children bring a spare pair of underwear and bottoms in case of any accidents in school.
- ❖ Reception will be having their PE lessons on a **Friday**, therefore, your child will need a pump bag, t-shirt, PE shorts and pumps. These will stay at school on their peg for the whole term. Please ensure every item of clothing has your child's name on them even such items as coats and vests.
- ❖ As the weather is now improving, we ask that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing, i.e. sun hats, and sun cream has been applied when necessary.

Up and Coming Events!

- Our School trip to Nell Bank will be held on Wednesday 8th May for Daisy class and Thursday 9th May for Poppy class.
- The Ophthalmology Team will be coming in on the 5th June to carry out sight tests on all children.