



Reception Newsflash



Friday 20th October 2023

Reception Weekly News

Well that half term has flown by, we really can't believe it. What a busy time we have had for our first half term.

This week we have come to the end of our story The Gingerbread Man. We have been sequencing the story, finding out the beginning, middle and end of the story. We have also used puppets to retell the story too. Very exciting! What a shame the Gingerbread Man was eaten at the end of the story by the fox.

In our Phonics sessions we have introduced the sounds g, o... Can write some cvc words with these sounds in? eg got, mop, dog, top.

In Maths we have been learning about Numberblock 3 and 4. You could revisit this at home on bbc iplayer. Can you find groups of 3 and four things at home?

This week we have been learning about the Judaism festival Sukkot. We have learnt how families come together for a celebratory meal during the festival of Sukkah and have compared this to the festival of Harvest.

Your child is currently working in phase 2 phonics. The expectations for this phase are on the school website on the Reception home page. This may help you when supporting your child at home with reading and writing.



The **Book Swap Shed** is now just outside the Reception playground near the bike store. Please do bring and take books to swap. We are loving seeing it being used!

Reading books

We have been reading Bug Club books in class and have now issued your child some books for to read online at home. There might even be a little game to play too. Your child's Bug Club login is at the front of their home reading diary. There is also a Super Parents guide to Bug Club on our school website on the Reception page. If you have any issues logging in this may support you and help you solve any technical problems. Reception children have a target to read 21 times during the half term which equates to at least 3 times per week. Some weeks you may read more, some less for example if children are poorly. This is the reason we now set a half termly target. We are very special Golden Ticket reward for all those children who achieve the targeted 21 reads by Christmas. **Reading diaries must be signed and come to school each day.**

Dojos

We are delighted the Dojos are up and running and our Weekly Dojo winners are bringing home certificates at the end of the week. Children can receive green dojo's for lots of reasons, for persevering, challenging themselves in school as well as homework challenges, for fab phonics or for beautiful manners. Make sure that you chat to your children and find out what they have earned dojo's for this week.

As the weather has been changing and getting colder we have been encouraging children to have a hot meal for lunch. Some children may have received dojo for lovely manners at lunch, being kind to another friend or challenging themselves to choose something new to eat.

Help!

Next term we are turning our Reception role play areas into a forests (just like an indoor Forest School). This will link with our Literacy texts for next half term – There was an old lady who swallowed a fly and Stuck. We would love some artificial Christmas trees, if you have one at home. Maybe you or a family member are updating or changing your Christmas tree, please send your old one our way for us to turn into a Reception Forest School.
Thank you for your continued support..

Forest School Dates

Class 2: Monday 30th October
Class 3: Monday 6th November
Class 1: Monday 13th November
Class 2 :Monday 20th November
Class 3: Monday 27th November
Class 1: Monday 4th December

If you are concerned on colder days about your child's warmth, please put another layer in the bag ie thicker socks or a fleece, as it is easy to remove layers once out in the Forest School.

Forest school sessions take place in the Afternoon – so please send children into school in their PE kit- (just joggers no shorts) not their **forest school kit**.

Please could all Forest School Kit listed above come in to school in a separate bag, (**pump bag, back pack**) which is **ALL** clearly named. This makes it easier when we are trying to get children changed. Thank you 😊



Weekly Home Learning Challenges

Over the holiday we would love you to have a game of Pooh Sticks, this will be something for the Reception page in your Activity Passport. If you have not received one, please speak to your class teacher.

Our new topic after half term will be all about The was an old lady who swallowed a fly and Stuck (Please do not read it at home- we want it to be a surprise)

Important Information

Snack money is £10 per term or £30 for the year. Please send any payments for snack with your child in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and the title Snack Money. You can pay for a term or for the full year. Children will be provided with fruit and milk each day. We also use this money for all the extra exciting things we do like baking, traditional tales feasts to name a few! Please note that children **are not** permitted to bring in their **own snack**.