

## How You can Help at home.



### Reading

This half term we will continue to send home a reading book daily for children in Reception. We kindly ask you to try to read with your child every night, even if it is for a short time and write in their Reading Record Book. We are slowly introducing books with words for you to share with your child and books that they can read with some support. The children are also building skills in understanding the stories and enjoy being asked questions to make predictions or re-tell the story that you have just shared. The reading record books are a great way for teachers to see (and reward) the great reading that children are doing at home.



### Writing

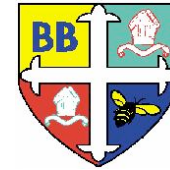
We will continue to teach Letters and Sounds Phonics this half term. In class, we are focusing on learning to write our names and to correctly form the letters taught through phonics.

### Mathematics

This half term we will be exploring numbers. It would greatly help your child if they could practice counting at home, for instance: counting up the stairs, how many spoons in the drawer, how many steps to the kitchen. We have also started to write our numbers and match groups of objects to the numbers.

### Assessment

Tapestry is our new assessment tool and we are delighted that some of our parents have already joined and added photos from home. We would be grateful if all Nursery and Reception parents who are yet to sign up would call in to see the teachers with an email address and we can add you. You will then be able to see your child's progress as it happens!

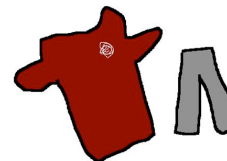


## Nursery and Reception

## Half Termly Newsletter 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016



We Work, We Play,



We Care, We Pray



# Half Termly Overview of Work



## Literacy

In Nursery the children will be learning about animals and the sounds they make. One of the stories they will read is Dear Zoo.

In Reception we are reading several stories each week, and developing the children's skills in re-telling stories in the correct order.

In both Nursery and Reception we sing nursery rhymes and number rhymes daily.



## Mathematics - This term we will be:

- Learning to count reliably with numbers from one to 5 in Nursery and 10 in Reception; and place them in order.
- Use more mathematical language in counting such as 'more' and 'a lot'.
- Recognising and describing the properties of 2D shapes.

## Notices:



### PE Kit

PE lessons in Reception will take place on a Wednesday morning. Please ensure your child has their **full** PE Kit with them in school at all times. The Children will be reminded to take it home at the end of every half term. PLEASE WRITE NAMES IN ALL ITEMS OF KIT AND SCHOOL UNIFORM!



### Snack and Fund

Children will be offered a healthy morning snack which children from both Nursery and Reception can access each morning in Nursery. A huge thank you to those of you who pay the £1 - Please ensure that you bring £1 to school on Monday mornings. This is used for purchasing snack and consumable materials e.g. play dough, prizes and baking ingredients.

### Stay and Play

Every Thursday morning Nursery and Reception will be open from 8.30am for Parents to come in **with** their children to support and play with them, until 8.55am.



### Dates to remember

Children in Need - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas bingo

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery and Reception Nativity performance

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas jumper day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December- Nursery and Reception Christmas party

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December- School closes for Christmas (1.15pm)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017- Back to school



### School Trips

Reception will be going to the cinema to watch Snoopy on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November

## Phonics

This half term we will continue Letters and Sounds phonics Phase 1 and 2.

Phase 1- This will include tuning into sounds in the environment as well as in words.

Phase 2- Children will continue to progress through the phase 2 sounds

s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,ck,e,u,r,b,f,h,l and will begin to put these sounds together to read and write simple words.

Phase 1 is where the children in Nursery are developing their skills and phase 2 is where the Reception children are being taught although we are still practicing phase 1 games too.



## RE

This half term the topic continues to be friendship, and will soon become Christmas.



**Computing** - Reception will continue to visit the ICT suite every week to practice using a mouse to play games on the computers.



**PE** - Reception will be doing 'Games' this half term.



## Homework

In Nursery the children have a library book and in Reception the children bring home a reading book every night to be read for 5 minutes every night. Don't forget to sign the reading record books as your child will get a stamp when you do!

