

## How You can Help at home.



### Reading

This half term we will continue to send home a reading book weekly. We kindly ask you to try to read with your child every night, even if it is for a short time. We will slowly introduce books with words but in the meantime the picture books are a great opportunity to learn how stories work for example, learning about the main characters, events and setting of the story.



### Writing

We will continue to teach Letters and Sounds Phonics this half term. It would greatly help your child if they regularly look for letters and signs all around them, e.g. the T in Tesco.

Writing begins with an understanding that words carry meaning, we would therefore suggest at this age for your children to have a go at writing as much as possible at home. For example, write down the ingredients needed for tea, write a shopping list, label pictures of their friends and family etc.



### Numeracy

This half term we will be doing lots and lots of counting and number recognition games. Please help by counting anything and everything with your children.

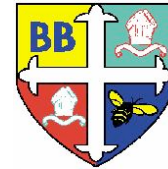


### Useful Websites

\* purple Mash

[www.purplemash.co.uk/sch/bishopbridgema](http://www.purplemash.co.uk/sch/bishopbridgema)\*

\* CBeebies [www.cbeebies.co.uk](http://www.cbeebies.co.uk)

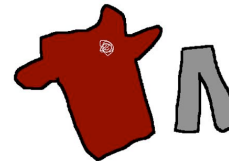


## Reception

# Half Termly Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014



We Work, We Play,



We Care, We Pray



# Half Termly Overview of Work



## Literacy

Owl Babies - Our focus story in Literacy will be Owl Babies. This is a great autumn story and we will be bringing it to life with puppets and autumn leaves in our autumn corner, so please encourage your child to notice these seasonal changes in their local environment.

Letters to Father Christmas - As that time of year approaches again we have turned our role-play area into a post office. During this half term we will be encouraging the children to do lots of writing, initially this may look like squiggles or initial letters in words but this understanding of words carrying meaning is the initial stage to becoming a writer.



## Numeracy - This term we will be;

- Using numbers to identify how many objects are in a set
- Matching numerals and quantities correctly
- Compare quantities, saying which group has more, less the same.
- Learn the correct formation of numbers
- Learning to name and recognize 2D shapes

## Class Routines



### Dinner Money

Under the new government 'Free school meals' initiative children are now entitled to a free school meal. As a result dinner money is no longer payable.



### 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.



### Snack

Children will be offered a healthy morning snack. Please ensure that they bring £1 to school on Monday mornings. This is used for purchasing snack and consumable materials e.g. play dough, prizes and baking ingredients.



### Dates to remember

#### November

11<sup>th</sup> Individual photos taken

15<sup>th</sup> Bollywood Night 5:30-8:30

#### December

EYFS Nativity to be confirmed

4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair

EYFS Christmas Party to be confirmed

18<sup>th</sup> School closes for Christmas 1:15.



### School Trips

There are currently no trips planned.

## Science

This half term we are learning about 'Autumn'. We will be observing the changes in the seasons focusing on the changing colours of the leaves, the cold weather and the dark evenings. This will open up discussion around plants, animals and natural objects.

## Phonics

This half term we will begin 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.



## RE

This half term the topic is 'Christmas'.



## Computing - Reception will be

learning to gain confidence using the computers and improve their skills using the mouse



PE - Reception will be doing 'Gym' this half term.



## Homework

We will send home a reading book every week to be read for 5 minutes every night.

Key words have been sent home in children's book bags- these are words that cannot be sounded out and therefore need to be learnt from memory.

