

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 have been 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. Your child will need to complete homework based on the letters taught in Phonics that week. Any extra writing for shopping lists, cards or stories is a good way for your child to further develop their writing skills.



Numeracy

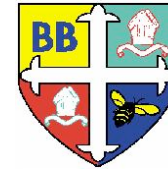
This half term we will be working on learning our numbers to 20. It would greatly help your child if they could practice counting at home, for instance: counting up the stairs; how many spoons in the drawer; how many steps to the kitchen. We have also started to write our numbers and match groups of objects to the numbers.



Useful Websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/eyfs/>

<http://www.bigeyedowl.co.uk/activities.htm>

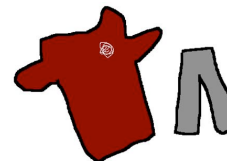


Reception

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We Work, We Play,



We Care, We Pray



Half Termly Overview of Work



Literacy

The Naughty Bus - Our focus story in Literacy is 'The Naughty Bus'. The children have been learning about a bus that gets up to mischief in a house. We are using it as a great opportunity to improve our speaking and listening, act out parts of the story and question the bus about why he is being so naughty.

Not Now Bernard - We will use this story about a boy, his family and a little monster to explore familiar settings. The children will be re-telling the story using small world play and acting out various parts.



Numeracy - This term we will be:

- Learning to count reliably with numbers from one to 20 and place them in order.
- Beginning to compare quantities.
- Use more mathematical language in counting such as 'more' and 'a lot'.
- Make and check estimates.

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. Reminder notes will be sent out from this half term.

Stay and Play

Every Thursday morning 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

Thursday 12th February- School closes for half term (3.20pm)

Monday 23rd February- Back to school



School Trips

There are currently no trips planned.

Topic

This half term we are looking at 'People who Help Us' in connection with the story the 'Naughty Bus'. We will be learning about the Police and other helpful services.

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.

Phase 3- Some children will be starting Phase Three Phonics this half term. They will be learning sounds made from two letters and letters j, v, w, x, y, and z. The diagraph sounds include ai, air, ar, ch, ear, ee, er, igh, ng, oa, oi, oo, or, ow, qu, sh, th, ur, ure and zz.



RE

This half term the topic is 'Stories Jesus heard'.



Computing - Reception will be

learning what an algorithm is and express it using pictures. We will also be programming BeeBots with a simple algorithm, e.g. ↑ → ✓



PE - Reception will be doing

'Gymnastics' 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.

