

How you can help at home.



Reading

This half term we will invite you into school for a meeting to introduce the way we teach your children to read. After that we will slowly introduce books with pictures and then words. 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 start 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, independently. For example, write down the ingredients needed for tea, write a shopping list, label pictures of their friends and family etc. please share any independent writing with your child's class teacher.



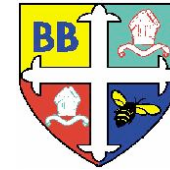
Numeracy

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.

Labelling

Please make sure you label all items of clothing with your child's name so we can return everything back to you.

To keep in touch, please follow us on Twitter as we will share lots of top tips for you to support your children: @EYFSBB.



Reception

Half Termly Newsletter 9th September 2016



We Work, We Play,



We Care, We Pray



A warm welcome to a new school year. We're off to a flying start and have so much more to share with you and your children. If you have any questions or suggestions; please come in and have a chat with us.

From Mrs Ogden and the Early Years Team

Half Termly Overview of Work



Literacy

As we settle the children in to a new school year we are reading lots of stories to the children. We are compiling a list of our top ten core books and rhymes and we will share this with you so that you can share some of the stories and rhymes at home. We will be modeling writing on a daily basis and encouraging children to mark make independently.

Are you a member of your local library? Why not join, for free, and enjoy stories with your child.



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 and Notices



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. Please make sure everything has your child's name in.



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.

For all parents who are new to Bishop Bridgeman, please send in your child's completed 'All About Me' booklet.

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.

Coming soon on our Twitter account, a video to support the pronunciation of the sounds we will be teaching. @EYFSBB



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This half term the topic is 'Why I am special' and friendship.



Computing - Reception will be

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



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



Homework

week beginning 13th September your child will bring home a number line, alphabet mat and a copy of their name card. This is to help your child become familiar with numbers and letters.

We will send challenges after October half term.