

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN TERM

GENERAL INFORMATION

We are having a wonderful time welcoming the children into SMSP and getting to know them. The children are busy learning lots of new routines, meeting lots of new people and exploring their new classes! As the children begin settling into school and, in order to make this transition as smooth as possible, we will be focussing on helping children develop their independence. This ranges from getting their own coats, jumpers, cardigans, socks/shoes on and off, to using cutlery when eating. The children are practising building up their stamina when it comes to listening to instructions and waiting for their turn. We will be helping the children get to know one another and learn important social skills.

READING AND PHONICS BOOKS

Reading - From 23rd September your child will be bringing home a weekly reading book. You will find a plastic zip lock reading folder in your child's book bag containing their reading book and reading diary. We ask you to read this book with your child 4 times over the week and make note of when you have read with them in the diary. Please ensure the reading folder is kept in your child's book bag every day. Class teachers will look at these diaries weekly and staff will write in them when they read with your child. There will be more information about reading with your child in the October phonics talk.

Phonics - From 23rd September your child will be bringing home their phonics book, containing the sounds they have learnt each week. Please refer to instructions inside the front cover when you receive this. We will send the new sounds out each Friday and collect the books in on Wednesdays.

We thank you for your support and look forward to a happy and successful year! Please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have.

Kind Regards,



MATHS

Children will be focussing on and gaining a deep understanding of numbers 0 to 12. They will learn about the numbers in all circumstances and representations, i.e. weight, height, time, quantity, money etc.

There will be a maths talk for parents on Wednesday 8th November at 9am.

PHONICS

Children will be learning all single sounds, starting to learn digraphs and also reading tricky words. They will be learning how to sound out and blend words in order to read and also to segment words in order to write.

There will be a phonics talk for parents in the main hall on Wednesday 4th October at 9 am. The presentation for this will also be available on the school website after the talk.



PSHE

In our PSHE lessons, we will be following the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term our topics are 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Differences'. The children will be meeting Jigsaw Jerry, our Reception mascot. The children will also frequently take part in 'Circle Time' which helps to develop their social and emotional skills.



RE

This term we will be learning about Christian values.

We will focus on:

- Who made the wonderful world and why?
- Who cares for this special world?
- Why is Christmas special for Christians?

TOPICS

Here are the topics we will be covering this term. At the start of each topic, you will receive a bulletin containing more information.

All About Me and Settling into School

- Our new friends and teachers
- Our new school
- School rules of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'

We will be enjoying exploring the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers

Autumn

- Changing seasons
- Hibernation

Diwali & Bonfire Night

- The Hindu festival of Diwali
- Bonfire night traditions and fireworks
- Light and dark
- Nocturnal animals

Space

- Our solar system
- Space travel
- Astronauts

Christmas

- The Birth of Jesus
- Polar Animals
- Christmas traditions

We look forward to welcoming you to our Nativity on December 14th at 9.15am