

Reception Newsletter

17th November 2023



The Nativity has started!

This week we have started rehearsing for our Nativity. The children are learning the songs and next week we will be getting them onto the stage for the first time. In the next week or so you will receive information on what the children will need to wear, we usually ask you to provide some dark leggings or trousers and we make or get the rest of their costumes. We hope that many of you will be able to come and watch the children perform.

This week we have completed our Sparkle and Shine topic, finishing with making a lamp of their choice to help them remember that many festivals have light as an important feature of the celebrations.

In Talk4Writing we have learnt our story 'Let me come in' and next week we will be starting to innovate and make some changes to the story. This will help them to think about their own story that they will be making up the week after.

In Maths we have been using the stem sentence 'I more / I less than (a number) is ...'. The children have been remembering these sentences with objects to help them remember. Have a go learning these number facts at home so that they become embedded knowledge.

Next Week:



We will be starting our new topic
'Once Upon a Time'

In the first week we will be reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Little Red Riding Hood.

In Literacy we will be continuing our new Talk4Writing story and we are practising holding our pencils and forming letters correctly.

In Maths we are looking at identifying and comparing circles and triangles. We will also be finding 'nearly' shapes for example a pizza slice is nearly a triangle but not quite.

Just a few reminders:

Labels

Thank you very much for all the items of clothing that is clearly labelled. We have had a few jumpers without names of them in the classroom and it seems that some of the labels are falling off. As a precaution, it might be worth putting your child's name on the label in addition to any label.

Reading books

Thank you for returning the children's books today. You should find another one in their bag for you to read with them this week. These will then be changed the following Friday.

If your child is ever away on a Friday we will put the new books in on the following Monday.

Parent's Evening

We are looking forward to meeting you on Tuesday or Wednesday this week to discuss how your child is settling into the Reception class. The appointment will be with either Mrs Gibbens or Mrs Morrell, and you will be given a chance to ask any questions you may have during this 15-minute appointment. As you can imagine timings can get quite tight, so we ask for your understanding in helping us keep on track. We are always available at another time if you feel that you wish to ask any more questions.

The appointments will be in the classroom. We will give you an opportunity to talk with the teacher and then look through your child's work. There will also be a sheet that we provide you with so that you are able to give your child some positive feedback, these can be completed on the evening or taken away for you to think about.

Please do not take any of the books or work home at this time.

We are always around to answer any questions or queries that you may have. There are couple of ways that you can contact us:

- Pop over to see us at the end of the day. Once we have dismissed the children safely, we are always available to have a chat.
- Phone the office to make an appointment with any one of us.
- Email the office to make an appointment. The office staff will forward the email to us, and we will catch you or give you a ring to arrange a suitable time.

Please do let us know of any concerns as quickly as possible. We can usually sort things out very quickly if you let us know.

Many thanks

The Reception Team

(Mrs Gibbens, Mrs Morrell and Mrs Boulton)