

## Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to Reception. We are looking forward to a fantastic first half term working together with you to give your little ones the best start to their Foundation Stage journey with us. Here are some of our focuses for this half term:

<b>MATHS</b> Baseline Assessments. Counting and number rhymes/songs. Number recognition 0-5. 1-1 Correspondence when counting objects up to 5. Counting sounds up to 5.	<b>ENGLISH</b> Baseline Assessments. First name recognition. Recognising environmental sounds. Developing Speaking and Listening skills in a variety of situations. Listening to stories and nursery rhymes. Re-telling familiar stories/rhymes. Letters and Sounds: Beginning to recognise graphemes.
<b>SCIENCE</b> Through challenges within our Investigation Station the children will begin to develop their questioning and reasoning skills about Materials, Seasons and Nature.	<b>COMPUTING</b> The children will be introduced to our interactive Smartboard in the classroom and taught how to use it, developing hand/eye co-ordination and listening skills.
<b>HISTORY</b> The children will begin to develop an understanding of the passage of time throughout their school day through the use of visual timetables and timelines.	<b>GEOGRAPHY</b> The children will be becoming familiar with our school environment and discussing their own homes.
<b>MUSIC</b> The children will learn a variety of songs and rhymes.	<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b> The children will be developing their gross and fine motor skills in preparation for becoming confident writers.
<b>ART / DT</b> The children will be provided with continuous access to our Craft Area as part of our continuous provision, and through challenges, will be encouraged to use a variety of tools and resources/materials to create their own 2D and 3D arts and crafts.	<b>R.E</b> During this first half term the children will learn to celebrate the differences between themselves and their peers.

### **MESSAGES AND REMINDERS**

The children will be completing their Baseline Assessments during the first few weeks of this half term. These will provide us with a clear understanding of the levels that the children are currently working at, and the next steps for their learning.

Throughout the year the children's achievements will be recorded on 'Tapestry' which you will have access to so that you can view photographs, videos and our comments on the children's progress. Please can you make sure that you regularly check Class Dojo for any messages from us, and we will post photographs and videos on the Class Stories section of this too so that you can see what we are doing throughout the day.

Please can the children have their reading folders, books, and diaries in school every day. The children's reading books will be changed twice a week and they will bring home a phonics book for them to read to you along with a Share a Story book for you to read to them. Please can you ensure that the children read at home at least three times a week, if not every night, as this does have a big impact upon their progress in reading and phonics.

Many thanks, Mrs Smith

