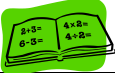


# Reception Newsletter - Autumn 2 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a good rest over the holiday. The children have settled back into school beautifully and we are excited for a busy half-term in Reception. We have so many exciting things planned for your child for this half term! We are looking forward to a lovely Autumn 2 together.

Mrs Khan and Mr Kassim

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| <p><b>Literacy</b></p>                                             | <p>In phonics, we are continuing to learn new sounds using the Sounds-Write phonics programme. Children will practise hearing and identifying sounds in words. They will also learn to blend sounds to read simple words like "sat" and "mat." The children will begin to segment sounds to help them spell. They will build confidence in reading and writing simple words.</p> <p>In English, we will be focusing on Narrative. We want to continue to apply our knowledge of forming letters correctly when writing. We will be using every opportunity we can to practice our writing.</p> <p>Our author focus, for the Autumn Term, is John Burningham. This term, we will get to know more about him and begin to read some of his award-winning books such as <i>Mr Gumpy's Outing</i>, <i>The Shopping Basket</i> and <i>Would you rather</i>.</p> <p>Our Shared Reading text this term will be " <i>Oliver's Vegetables</i>" by Vivian French.</p> |
| <p><b>Maths</b></p>                                                | <p>This half-term we will learn numbers to 5. We will subitise small amounts, count carefully, compare sets and explore composition (how numbers are made). We will recognise numerals, explore shapes and patterns, and use positional language.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b>Understanding the World-Science</b></p>                      | <p>During this half term, our Topic will be "Let's go outside". In this block, children will explore the natural world around them. The children will investigate a range of natural materials and notice changes outside at this time of year.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>RE</b></p>                                                 | <p>This half term we will learn about <i>Incarnation</i>. We will explore the Christmas story, nativity characters and why Christmas celebrations, songs and nativity plays are special and important for Christians.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b>Understanding the World-Geography</b></p>                  | <p>During the Autumn term, children will be focusing on geography. Our Topic will be, '<u>Maps</u>'. In this unit, children will be exploring maps through discussion, storytelling, games and creative activities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b>Expressive Arts and Design</b></p>                         | <p>During the term, children will be focusing on design and technology. Our Topic will be, '<u>Structures: Junk modelling</u>.' In this unit, pupils explore and learn about various types of permanent and temporary joins. They are encouraged to tinker using a combination of materials and joining techniques in the junk modelling area.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>PE</b></p>                                                 | <p>During this half term, children will be developing their <u>dance</u> skills. In this unit, children will create their own set of dinosaur movements. They will turn these movements into short motifs which will be linked together to create a class dance, performed to a piece of music.</p> <p>Please remember that children are to come into school dressed in their PE kits every <b>Thursday</b>. Children should come dressed in a plain navy blue or black tracksuit and a plain white or blue t-shirt.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>Music</b></p>                                              | <p>During this half term, our Topic will be, '<u>Celebration Music</u>'. In this unit, children will be learning about the music from a range of cultural and religious celebrations, including Diwali, Hanukkah, Kwankzaa and Christmas.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p><b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)</b></p>  | <p>In PSED, children will be reading stories and taking part in focused activities to develop their understanding of building positive relationships, self-regulation and managing self, helping them to recognise feelings, make good choices, and interact kindly with others throughout the school day.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



## Attendance

In order for your child to get the best out of school and maximise their learning, please make sure your child is **on time for school and comes to school every day**. School starts at **8.45am**.

**THANK YOU**