



Reception Class Newsletter



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for another busy but fun term in Reception!

Topics

Our new topic is 'Brrr... it's cold'. We will learn about all things cold. We are going to be thinking about the seasons, in particular winter. We will explore snow and ice, learn about animals that live in the cold and learn about how we keep warm. We have lots of exciting activities to look forward to such as making ice lollies, winter soup and hot chocolate. Yum! We also have an ice cream parlour role play area. Next half term we have another exciting topic to look forward to... 'Aliens and Dinosaurs'. We will make our own alien characters and we will be doing lots with them!

Reading Books

The children are really enjoying taking reading books home. Please can I remind you to write a comment about their reading and enjoyment of the story. This will help us when we are reading with your child at school. It is incredibly important that you listen to your child read, as well as reading to your child yourselves. We want all children to have a love of reading.

PE

Gymnastics has now finished and PE will no longer be on a Wednesday morning. From now on, Mrs Brown will do PE with our class on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a pair of **black pumps** in their PE bag that fit them.

On going tasks

It is amazing to see the progress that each and every child has made in just one term at school. I am sure that you will agree. I would like to thank you for all of the hard work that you do at home with your child. It really does pay off. Children are making rapid progress and so please continue to work on:

- Counting - we practice counting each day
- Counting back - we practice counting 20-0 each day and some children are ready to count back from higher numbers
- One more and one less than a number
- Using mathematical language to describe size, shape, length, direction etc
- Recognising numbers to 20 and beyond (door numbers, telephone numbers etc)
- Number and letter formation (letters sitting on the line as they should)
- Recognising sounds
- Reading words that have been sent home and trying to read unfamiliar words (signs, cards, newspapers)
- Writing on a line with a pencil
- Dressing and undressing themselves including zipping up coats and putting gloves on by themselves

As always if you have any concerns or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss White ☺