

# Reception Newsletter

## Welcome to South Avenue Primary School

Class Teachers- Miss Mace and Mrs Admans.  
Teaching Assistants - Miss Honey, Miss Woolston,  
Mrs Ehrlich and Miss Green.



### Curriculum information

Our topic in term 2 is 'Is there anybody out there?'



We will be starting this term with a space craft crash landing to Earth and building our very own space rockets. We will also be looking at the story of Guy Fawkes and doing lots of creative fire work pictures and models to fit in with Bonfire Night.

Our new role play 'space rocket' will be ready to blast off into space soon, as it counts down; 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1, BLAST OFF. We will also be learning about planets, stars and space travel.

In maths this term, we will be learning to find one more/ one less, add and subtract. We will also be learning about 3D shapes.

In literacy, we will be continuing with learning all of Phase 2 words and beginning to learn Phase 3 sounds and tricky words. We will be practising writing our names and writing lists of objects of what we would take into space.

Our Christmas performance will be on the **week commencing 9th December**. Tickets will be available soon.

We will be having a 'stay and play' session, so dates will follow.

### Tapestry Online Learning Journal.

Thank you all for your lovely comments on how much you are enjoying looking at your child's work.

Please continue to add observations of your child's progress and activities at home, as this all adds to documenting your child's progress. **We will be focusing on some of your children each week, please add photos of significant events, new interests and achievements outside of school onto Tapestry to support our planning.**



### How can you help at home?

We teach the children cursive font for writing. Please support your child to continue this at home.

- Practising letter sounds and tricky words e.g. the, and, I, no, go, to and the.
- Practising counting and recognising numbers to 20.
- Reading to your child and listening to your child reading.
- Blending sounds already learnt to make words e.g. c-a-t, p-e-g
- Using scissors.
- Getting dressed and undressed.

### Websites for support

Please visit these websites to help at home;

- Phonics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ei0iFs5uF6w>
- Alpha blocks <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJSVrq-6-jc>
- Number blocks [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqO3Z\\_S57R8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqO3Z_S57R8)

### P.E is on Wednesday

Please could you ensure your child has their P.E kit in school. **Please remove earrings on these days** - this is an important health and safety issue.



### Reading books

Each week your child is listened to reading their books on Mondays, as well as reading in different situations e.g. bingo games. These will be changed every **Monday and Thursday**. Reading is a tricky skill to master and your child will benefit from **reading with you at home as much as possible**.

We will be sending home Phonics books or Reading skills books. These give vital skills to learn how to handle and read books correctly.



### Letters and money

Please hand any money or letters (in a named envelope) to Miss Mace at the door, rather than being left in book bags.

### Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. **This should contain water only, no juice or squash please.**



### Clothing

Please make sure all items of your child's clothing has been named with permanent marker. It makes it much easier to reunite children with lost clothes. Lost property bins are located on both sites (by Sapphire Class, Year 2, and in the Junior Office). As the cold weather is upon us, please could you make sure knitwear is named too.  
Thank you :)