

Reception Newsletter

Welcome to Term 2!

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely half term holiday and created wonderful family memories together. We are looking forward to lots of Christmas activities and getting into the festive spirit over the next few weeks!

Curriculum information

Our topic in term 2 is Me and My Community

This term we will be continuing our topic of 'Me and My Community.' We will be learning about people who help us as well as different Festive celebrations around the world. We will be learning about doctors, nurses, police, firefighters and all sorts of different jobs and people who help in our world. We will also be exploring different modes of transport and how we can travel to different places. As well as learning different songs and dances for our nativity show!

In **Literacy**, we will continue to develop our Phonic knowledge by learning Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds to become more confident in recognising and using them in both reading and writing. We have some wonderful stories to share with the children to stimulate discussion, story telling and opportunities to have a go at writing labels, captions and even sentences for children that are ready!

In **Maths** this term, we will continue to explore our understanding of number and pattern. We will be finding various ways to represent numbers 1 to 5.

Key dates:

Week beginning 13th November-
Antibullying week
17th November- Children in Need

NATIVITY PERFORMANCES:

RS CLASS ONLY-

Monday 11th December (afternoon)

Tuesday 12th December (morning)

RTA CLASS ONLY-

Tuesday 12th December (afternoon)

Wednesday 13th December (morning)

We are hoping to arrange some other festive experiences but will update you when these are confirmed on Class Dojo.

Clothing

Please ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name; including hats, scarfs and gloves. Please feel free to add spare clothes into their bag if you feel necessary.

Toys

Although toys can be a comfort for some children, this can cause upset if other children want to play or if their personal toys get lost or broken. So we kindly request that all toys from home are given to a parent at drop off to stop any additional upset

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



P.E is on TUESDAY

If you would like your child to wear trainers for this session please wear them into school. We will not be getting changed for these sessions as they will be part of our physical development.

Please remove earrings on these days.

Reminder

We are a **NUT FREE** school, therefore please ensure that if your child brings packed lunch that it contains no nuts products this includes chocolate spread containing nuts.

Reading

Reading is a key skill to access a wonderful range of stories, learning and imagination! We encourage our children to love reading as much as we do and regularly share stories and books in our classroom daily.

We will begin our phonics learning which is giving your child the tools to begin their reading journey. Each week they will be learning individual sounds and practising how to blend them to decode words.

Each week your child will receive a book for you to read with them at home. These will be changed weekly. They will then have an opportunity to choose a book from our school library to enjoy at home, this book is for them to share with parents, siblings, grandparents etc and is a book to read for pleasure. This book will be changed every **week**.

Please ensure that your child brings their book bag everyday as we will be reading with them.

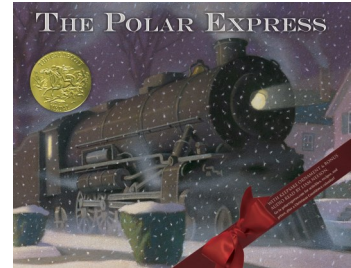
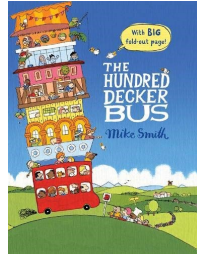
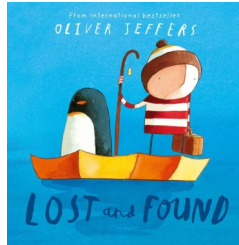


Reception Knowledge Organiser

Me and My Community

This term is 'Me and My Community', we are exploring different countries around the world and how they differ from where we live. So we want to know if you have any connections to other countries! We will also be spending time thinking and learning about different modes of transport. We will be travelling around on buses, boats, planes and even hot air balloon!

Look at some of the new books we will be reading this term to help our learning:



Please keep an eye out in your child's bookbag for QR codes to access books we may recommend.

Home learning

Each term we ask you and your child to complete a home learning task relating to our topic. This is to extend and share your child's learning from school and to spend time together creating something for them to show and tell each term. These can be as creative or simple as you like!

This term we would like you to create a piece of 'winter art'. This could be a painting, model, collage drawing...anything your child would like. (you could even create a real life scene in the garden.) It could be festive or seasonal- if it isn't possible to bring it in please take a photo or video and upload to Class Dojo.

Please give these to your class teacher by 9th December to ensure we have time to share all of the boxes.

Key Vocabulary this term

Communication and Language is a priority area in Early Years and we encourage you to take every opportunity to engage in dialogue with your child.

Our Key topic words are:

Journey

Plane

Boat

Car

Country

Christmas

Diwali

Firework

Ideas for home learning this term:

- Reading—lots of reading and sharing books! Share Fiction and Non-Fiction books with a member of your family.
- Count! Count stairs or how many potatoes they have at dinner or how many pairs of socks they have
- Sing counting songs. Here are a few to start you off:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bONHrFNZWb0>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D4K9oi7oBM&t=27s>
- Practice putting their jumpers on and off and shoes on and off
- Sharing and turn taking games e.g. snap, jenga
- Recognising their name

Please upload as many photos, you creating your home learning or anything that you feel your child may want to share on to Class Dojo as we love to see and share as a class!