Reception Newsletter.



We hope you have had a lovely half term break and we are looking forward to this upcoming term. We have Parent's Evening and our Nativity coming up this half term.

Curriculum and Learning



Our topic this half term is Conflict and we will be exploring castles. We will also be following the children's interests and some of the celebrations that occur around the world at this time of year including Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas!

Our phonics teaching began last term and the children are making good progress. To ensure your child continues to make good progress, it is important that they share their books at home and that they practise any sounds that are sent home. If you are unclear of what is expected, then please talk to a member of staff.

In Reception we will be continuing to develop the children's personal characteristics particularly focusing on being curious and independent thinkers. Last term we focussed on participation and collaboration and we certainly have noticed how they have improved in both of these characteristics

The children are also going to be using junk modelling materials this term so any donations of small and large boxes and yoghurt pots would be gratefully received.

Cooking

We will be doing some Christmas baking this half term. If you forgot to make a voluntary contribution last half term, we are still accepting contributions to allow the children to do these cooking activities. Thank you

Clothing

Please make sure that your child has **a spare set of clothes** in their bag including socks and pants. **We are very low on spare clothes so we will need to phone home if your child is wet/dirty and they don't have any.** Also please ensure that your child brings a coat **daily** to school (preferably waterproof) and has a pair of wellies that can stay here as we do use the outside area all year round.



Dates for your diary

- Parent Evening – Tuesday 24th November and Thursday 26th November
- Our EYFS Christmas performances will be on Wednesday 9th December (pm) and Thursday 10th December (pm). More details to follow!

- Last day of term – Friday 18th December
- PD day- Monday 4th January
- Children return to school- Tuesday 5h January

We are looking forward to the term ahead.

The Reception Team