



# Reception Autumn 2



## Welcome back

We hope you had a lovely rest over half term and are ready for the busy and exciting weeks ahead. If you have any spare pants, trousers, socks or wellies that your child has grown out of, we would very much appreciate donations for our spare clothes box.

Thank you in advance!



## Please remember the following....

- Name everything clearly
- Bring a water bottle every day
- Bags with spare clothes please leave at school until needed
- No additional bags are needed at school- we will provide a book bag for all children
- Please bring a waterproof coat every day as we go out in all weathers!
- Make sure you have logged into 'Seesaw' where we will share additional information about your child's learning



## Key Dates

Parents evening: 14th and 15th November

Odd Sock day for Anti bullying week: 13th November

Children in Need: 17th November

Reception phonics meeting: 22nd November 9am

Visit to Sandham Grange to sing to the residents: 6th December

Christmas fair: 13th December 3:30-5pm

Christmas nativity performance: 20th December 9:15 or 2:15



## Websites

For phonics support <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>  
Cosmic kids' yoga <https://www.youtube.com/user/cosmickidsyoga>  
Seesaw information <https://web.seesaw.me/families>

### **Personal, social and emotional development**

We are continuing with our PSHE scheme 'Jigsaw' this term and the theme for Autumn 2 is celebrating difference. We will look at what makes us unique and how important it is to accept that our friends are different to us. We will explore helping others at school, talk about what to do if someone is upset and learn how to give compliments to others.

### **Maths**

We will be looking at quickly identifying up to 5 objects (without counting where possible), using our fingers to show an amount as well as identifying who has more or who has fewer items when comparing 2 groups. We will also start to find what one more or one less is than a given amount.

### **Expressive art and design**

We will continue to encourage children to express their imaginative side and explore a wide range of resources and mediums such as paint, dough, collage, and junk modelling. We will continue to learn a variety of songs that link to our topics as well as our nativity performance in December.

### **Physical development**

We will continue to complete activities inside and outside that develop the strength we need in our arms and shoulders as well as our fingers. We will also continue to gain confidence when climbing, playing team games, riding balance bikes and using large and small equipment effectively.

### **Communication and language**

Through a range of activities, stories, and conversations, we will be exploring the importance of communication across all areas of learning. We will learn to listen, share ideas and talk to a partner. We will also be using WellComm as an intervention tool to ensure individual children's communication skills are supported.

### **Literacy**

We are continuing our Talk for Write journey this half term with the story 'Owl Babies' as well as retelling the Christmas story using actions and story maps. Through our RWI phonics scheme, we will continue to match letters to sounds, blend sounds together to read words as well as hearing and writing sounds in words when labelling pictures. Please help us to practise the sounds each night as homework as well as writing our names.

### **Understanding the world**

There are lots of events that we will explore this half term including Remembrance Day, Children in Need, Diwali, bonfire night and Christmas. We will also look at the scientists who invented the telephone, the television and the lightbulb, find out what road safety means, explore light and dark and find out how shadows are formed. What a busy half term!

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Pountney and Mrs Hyde in RP,  
Mrs Freeman, Miss Robinson and Mrs Perks  
in RF.