

Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2 2023



Our Topic this Half Term is 'Winter Wonderland'.

In the Winter Wonderland project, your child will explore the seasonal changes that happen during winter. They will find out about the different weather associated with the winter season and explore changes that happens to water as it freezes. They will find out about what happens to plants and animals during cold weather and explore places in the world that are always cold and snowy, including the animals that live there.

Supporting your child at home

- Go on a winter walk and talk about how the environment has changed since the summer months.
- Put bird food out in the garden or on a window ledge and observe the birds that visit.
- Leave water out in a shallow container overnight on a cold night and see if the water freezes.
- If it snows, build a snowman, and take a photo of it to share with the rest of the class.

This half term in **Maths**, we will be learning:

Exploring numbers up to and within 5.

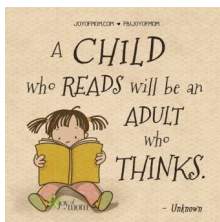
Compare numbers and objects to 5.

Make comparisons - more, fewer, equal.

Understand whole and part.

Common 2D shapes - triangle, circle and square

Repeating patterns -

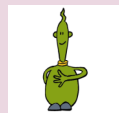


Phonics

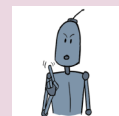
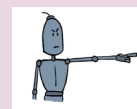
This half term we will be learning and revising the phase 2 sounds.

s a t p i n m n d g o c k e u r h b f ff l ll ss

The children will be focusing on learning to read and write the Phase 2 tricky words:



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance:

Thank you to all the parents and carers that have ensured your child gets to school on time.

This is having a huge positive impact on your child's learning.

A reminder that the doors open at 8:40am and we start our Phonics lesson promptly at 9am.

Every Friday children will receive a HERO sticker if they are **Here Everyday Ready On time**.

Children with 100% attendance every half term will be placed in a prize draw to win a £5 voucher.

If your child has 100% attendance at the end of the year they could win a BIKE!



Class Dojo



Please can we remind ALL parents and carers that communication about your child's learning, parents evening, homework, trips etc will be on Class Dojo. Please ensure you have the app downloaded on your mobile device. Did you know you can also message your child's class teacher personally should you have any concerns or questions regards your child's learning.

General Reminders:

Head lice:

Please check your child's hair for head lice every week and treat if necessary.

School uniform

Please ensure children are wearing the correct school uniform and shoes. Wellies and overalls for wet weather may be brought in a named bag which the children will hang on their pegs. All uniform MUST be labelled.

Book bags:

Children may bring a small rucksack that can be hung on their bag with spare clothes should they have an accident during the day. Toys are NOT allowed in their bags and will run the risk of being damaged or lost. Children are expected to bring a book bag (or plastic folder) with their reading book and reading diary every day. This will go in their tray in their classroom. Book bags can be purchased from the school office or:

[Village Primary Academy – Andrew Hyde \(ahyde.co.uk\)](http://ahyde.co.uk)



Reading:

Please read with your child every day and write their progress in their reading diary. Your child's book will be changed every Friday.

Water Bottles:

Please send your child with a named water bottle each day. The bottle must contain water only.

Snacks and packed lunches.

Please DO NOT send your child with a snack. The children have access to a healthy piece of fruit during the day.

As we are a healthy school, we encourage children to eat a healthy balanced diet.

Please DO NOT send children with anything that contains NUTS due to severe allergies in school. This includes Nutella.

Chocolate, fizzy drinks and sweets are not allowed in lunch boxes.



Useful Websites:

Top Marks is a great website for fun and interactive games around Maths and English. Here is a link to the website for simple counting activities:

[Learning to Count with these fun Counting Games \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk)

Jolly Phonics has some great songs that the children sing in school to support them in learning their sounds:

[A-Z \(ALPHABETICAL ORDER\) JOLLY PHONICS SONGS WITH SOUNDS, ACTION AND VOCABULARY - Bing video](#)

Phonics Play has a great range of free resources for your child to access around learning their sounds. We use these games in school everyday. The children will need to access the Phase 2 games:

[PhonicsPlay - Parent Information](#)

Did you know?



Read these interesting facts about winter with a parent, carer or teacher.



There are four seasons. They are spring, summer, autumn and winter.



Winter is one of the seasons. In winter, the days are short and the nights are long.



The weather can be very cold in winter and water in puddles and ponds can freeze into ice.



Sometimes it snows in winter.



Lots of trees have no leaves in winter and not many plants can grow.



Some places are cold and snowy all year round like the Arctic and the Antarctic.