



Autumn Newsletter Reception



Topic Overview and Key Text:



Our key texts this term are '**Lost and Found**'. Children learn about arctic animals and explore the feelings of the main characters as well as talking about our own feelings. The story contains more text and helps children to explore a more complex story as well as introducing some new vocabulary.

Our Learning:

Communication and Language::

Maths

In Maths we represent **numbers** up to 5. We have been comparing groups within 5 using the words 'more' and 'fewer'. We have observed the time, subitise numbers to 5, count beyond 10 and find one more and one less than numbers to 5. We have also been exploring repeating patterns.

Writing

We have drawn story maps and writing captions. Then we write a recount of the journey the story of 'Lost and Found' goes on. We have described the penguin and learnt some key facts to create an arctic animals fact file. The children will be looking at different ways to innovate our story ending. We have also been practising our writing skills in our Read Write Inc sessions where we continue to learn about hearing the sounds in words, pinching the sounds on our fingers and writing them down.

Reading

All of the children in Reception attend daily phonics lessons using the Read Write Inc phonics programme. Your child will be given a new Read Write Inc book every Thursday – please **listen to your child read** this every day before bringing it back the following Wednesday. A library book will also be sent home every Thursday, please enjoy **reading this book to your child**.

Reception learning:

We always continue with our thematic curriculum that creates meaningful links between the children's learning in all areas with our key text as the main driver.



Understanding the World – We are learning about important events in the past, answering questions like—who was the first man to discover the south pole?

Expressive Arts and Design – We have looked at the work of the artist **Yves Klein** and create our own pieces of art. We will look at how he created his own colour blue and we will explore how to mix paints in our own painting area.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – We have been learning all about the things we are good at; celebrating what others are good at. We will learn all about being a kind friend, using kind words; giving and accepting compliments and anti-bullying.

Physical Development – Children will continue to develop their muscles and increase their strength in both their large movements and their smaller movements. Our outdoor area and indoor resources are all designed to help children to develop their strength and skills when moving.

Reception Routines

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<p>Please return your homework today.</p>  <p>Please return your reading book.</p> 		<p>You will receive a new reading book, a new library book and homework today. Please log any reading in your child's reading journal.</p>	<p>Remember to record any home learning you do on Tapestry. We love to see what you do at home.</p>

Breakfast Club

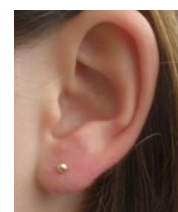
Breakfast club starts at 8.00 and closes at 8.30 so that all children can be served breakfast before 8.55. It is all free!



Uniform

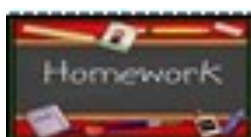
The only jewellery that children are allowed to wear to school are earrings and these must be small round studs.

Please ensure your child comes to school in plain black school shoes.



Homework

Homework will be given out on paper for all classes each week. It will go out on Thursday and will be due in the following Tuesday.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th December	Santa Stomp
Tuesday 6th December	Christmas lunch, party and Christmas jumper day for EYFS + Year 1.
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Pantomime.
Wednesday 14th December	EYFS show for Nursery parents, (AM), Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance for Year 1 parents (PM)
Thursday 15th December	EYFS show for Reception parents, (AM), Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance for Year 2 parents (PM)
Friday 16th December 2022	End of Autumn term for pupils at 3.15pm.

Our school website has information about what we are doing in school and lots more:

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