

Welcome to Reception

We hope you had a lovely break and are all ready for another exciting half term in reception.

Our topic this half term is 'If you go down to the woods'. We will be reading lots of stories set in the woods including The Gruffalo and The Gingerbread Man. We have also planned a woodland walk to Salisbury Woods, near the Zoo, where we will be identifying signs of Autumn, collecting Autumn objects and looking for different woodland animals. As well as all this, we will be learning the rhyme 'Five Currant Buns' the 'Gruffalo Song' Remembrance Day, the Sikh festival of Diwali, Bonfire Night and why Christians celebrate Christmas.

We will be continuing to learn our letter sounds and using our new knowledge to segment and blend simple words whilst reading and writing.

In maths we will be learning our number bonds up to 5 and to order and recognise numbers 1-5 as well. We will be finding one more and one less than a given number and comparing objects length, weight and capacity.

How you can help at home.

Please continue to read with your child at least 3 times a week in order to support their learning at school. Please sign in their school diary and comment on how they have read. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and speak to Mrs Clark or Mrs Farley.

Please provide your child with pens and paper to practise their handwriting. They love to mark make, draw pictures and practise writing the letters they are learning in school.

Practise counting objects in your house and, when you are out and about look, for numbers on doors, buses and car number plates. Play different number games including 'I spy the number' and snakes and ladders. A good website to use is <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>.

Talk to your child to talk about the changes in the weather and season. Observe the changes around them for example, why there are so many leaves on the ground.

Reminders

- Please make sure **all** items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name including hats, gloves and coats and shoes.
- Please make sure your child has a warm coat with a hood or a hat to wear as the weather is becoming colder as we will be using our outdoor area for learning.
- Please complete the 'You're a Star' slip below or 'Seesaw' if your child does anything amazing or new at home. We will share it with the rest of the class!
- Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday. Please make sure the children bring them back into school every day with their diary signed.
- Please check our class page on the school website, Seesaw and Facebook for updates of our learning in class.
- To support your child's learning they will be provided with a weekly BLT on a Friday which should be returned to school the following Thursday.
- There will be a Reception Stay and Play and also a Nativity- more details will follow.



You're a Star!



Name

Achievement

Signature