



# Reception Newsletter



## Our learning next week...

### Phonics:

We will now be progressing to digraphs (two letters that make one sound) in Phonics. This is a concept that the children find quite tricky so extra practice at home will really help. We will learn to read the sound on its own, read it within words and sentences, write it on its own and then write it in words and sentences. These are the first two that we will learn after Half Term:

- **ai** as in sheep
- **ng** as in that and think
- consolidating **sh** and **th**

### In Maths we will be...

- gaining a deep understanding of numbers to 10 using a range of methods
- putting numbers into equal groups e.g. splitting 6 sheep into 2 groups of 3 or 3 groups of 2 (This lays the foundation for their understanding of multiplication which they will learn in Key Stage 1.)
- doubling numbers to 10
- halving numbers to 10
- understanding the concept of odd and even numbers

### Dates for your Diary

- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> March – Nurse Visit
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March – INSET Day
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March – St George's Mass
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March – PFA Mothers Day Stall (children can bring in money and purchase an item from the stall)
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March - Orange Mufti Day in support of our charity, Celebration Afternoon at 2:30pm in the classroom and PFA second hand uniform sale in the hall
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> March – Planetarium Visit
- Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March – End of Spring Term (12:00 pick up and PFA Easter Egg Hunt!)

**Please see next page for notices about reading books and lunches.**

## Reading Books

From next week, your child will bring home:

- One Phonics book that contains the sounds we are currently learning in Phonics.
- One Phonics book that is based on your child's Phonics reading level.
- The third book is a "Reading for Pleasure" book which the children choose themselves from the book corner. This book isn't for the children to read, it is for adults to read to them during story time. If your child wants to look for Tricky Words or sounds they know within this book then they can but there is no expectation that this book is for anything other than story time!

At the moment, the Red Level Phonics books contain the sounds that we are now working on in Phonics lessons. If your child is reading at this level, they will have two Red Level Phonics books. If they are not yet reading at this level, they will have one Red Level Phonics book and one Pink A, B or C Level Phonics book depending on their current reading level.

As always, please continue to read with your child every night and please ask if you have any questions.

## Lunches

It has been brought to our attention that there are a number of children in Reception who are not eating very much at lunchtime. Could we please ask that you think about the meal that you are ordering for your child and consider if packed lunch might be a better option. Once the meal is selected, the children do not have the choice to change it at lunchtime. As well as the Main Meal and Vegetarian Meal, there is now a third option (on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays) of a jacket potato with beans and/or cheese. The lunchtime staff have started giving out stickers for children who are eating most of their food as a method of motivation. If you notice that your child is often coming home without a sticker, it may be a good idea to consider an alternative meal. If children are hungry, they are allowed fruit snacks in the afternoon but these are limited.