



# Reception Newsletter Spring 1 2022



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## Welcome Back

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and a Happy New Year. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

We have been so pleased with how children have settled into Reception since September and how well they have adapted to more formal lessons. With your continued support, we are excited about how much they will progress this term.

## English, Maths & Wider Learning

Our first topic will be 'Do you want to Build a Snowman?' We will recap our learning about winter, in addition to exploring polar regions and the animals found there. We will then move on to comparing these to different countries in the world.

In Phonics, we have moved on to Phase 3. In Phase 3, children will learn that two or three letters can make one sound (for example, 'ch', 'sh', 'ai', 'igh'). The words we read and write will get increasingly more complex.

In writing we have been learning the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

In Maths, we will learn our numbers beyond 5.

## Homework and Reading

We are now sending home reading books every day. Each time your child reads at home, they receive a tick on a reward chart. There will be prizes both in class and in school for reading at home.

If your child reads 3x per week at home (and it's recorded in their reading record), they get 1 raffle ticket. If they read 5x per week, they get 2 tickets. These will be drawn at the end of the term and one child will win a breakfast at McDonald's with Mr Lumb.

We cannot express enough how important reading at home is, especially in Reception, to prevent children from falling behind. We expect just 5 minutes reading per night.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you so much to those of you who are on time every day as it means that our teaching assistants can begin working with children in catch up groups straight away. These groups start at 8:50am, so it is very important that all children are lined up on the playground at **8:50am, ready to start school.**

If you need any support with punctuality, then please speak to staff or Mrs Lilly, as we are always here to help where we can. We will be having a push on punctuality this half term so you may be challenged if you are repeatedly late. Please remember, when a child is late, not only is their own learning that is disrupted, but also other children.

Children learn lots in Reception, which lays the foundations for the rest of their school learning. If they fall behind in Reception, then they are likely to struggle higher up school. Attendance every day is vital for your child's development and poor attendance massively impacts on learning. Our school target is 96% attendance. Attendance of 90% or below is classed by the local authority as 'persistent absence'. Please speak to any of us or Mrs Lilly if you need any support with attendance.

## Water

Please remember that we are a water only school. Due to the new dental health requirements related to the curriculum, children will only be allowed to drink water throughout the day between meals.

## PE

Now that the nativities are finished, we will be starting PE as normal again, so please send children in PE kit on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Please remember that Tuesday is outdoor PE day so children should be wearing warm tracksuit bottoms and a warm hoodie / jumper.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or queries. The Reception Team