










# Reception Newsletter - Autumn 2

**Dear Parents,**

Welcome back! We hope that you had had a good rest over the holiday.  
We have so many exciting things planned for your child for this half term!

**Our topic, this half term is: Our Community**

<p><b>Literacy</b></p> 	<p>In phonics, we are continuing to learn new sounds. We will use these new sounds to practise our blending skills (needed to read words) and our segmenting skills (needed for writing words). We will also be learning to read tricky words; these are words that cannot be sounded out, when reading. We will be applying what we learn in phonics to our guided reading sessions. We will be bringing a book home, to read, this half term too!</p> <p>In English, we will be focusing on story writing. We are using a text map to retell the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and will be working towards creating our own fairy tale. We will have the opportunity to learn and use story language, such as 'once upon a time' and 'lived happily ever after'. Please continue to listen to your children (at home), as we make up stories, using our 'You Choose' book</p>
<p><b>Reading for Pleasure</b></p> 	<p>We have a brand new book corner! We will be using our new book corner to relax and enjoy looking at a range of books. We will also be using the story chests to make up our own stories. We are getting really good at this!</p> <p>Our author focus, for the Autumn Term, is still Sarah Hayes. We are still enjoying reading her stories and relating what we read to our own experiences.</p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p> 	<p>For this half term, we have two maths units: 1,2,3! and light and dark. During these units we will be focusing on the numbers 1 to 5. We will explore and compare each number, carefully. By the end of this term, we will have a good understanding of how each number is made up and the different ways to represent each number. This unit will start to develop our understanding of what happens to the value to numbers as we count forwards or backwards, and how to find one more and one less.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We will also begin to look at shapes and their properties.</p>
<p><b>RE</b></p> 	<p>In RE, we will be looking at special buildings. We will share our experiences about our own special places. Our focus religion will be Christianity and we will look at what different families do at Christmas.</p>
<p><b>music</b></p> 	<p>In Music, the unit is called "My Stories" We will continue to sing a range of nursery rhymes and action songs. We will also have the opportunity to listen to different styles of music, which tell stories. We are focusing on rhythm this half term and look forward to exploring this dimension of music.</p>
<p><b>PE</b></p> 	<p>In PE, with Mr Browne, we will be doing gymnastics. We will be learning basic movements: including walking, running, rolling, crawling, jumping and taking weight on our hands.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PE is on a Thursday afternoon.</b></p> <p>We are getting much better at getting changed independently and putting our clothes back into our trays. Please mark all P.E kit with our names, and return anything that does not belong to us!</p>
<p><b>Communication and language. Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)</b></p> 	<p>This half term, we are focusing more on speaking in full sentences and vocabulary. During subjects such as: English, PHSE and shared reading we will have lots of opportunities to learn new words and use them correctly! We are confident children in reception, and will continue to develop our ability to become independent learners.</p>
<p><b>Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)</b></p> 	<p>This half term, we will be encouraged to become more independent in choosing the best tools and materials needed to create something. In our EAD area, we have art easels, a dough gym and a large space to create whatever we can imagine!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We will begin with producing wanted posters for the big bad wolf!</p>
<p><b>Understanding the World.</b></p> 	<p>Our theme, this half term, is Our Community. We will be exploring the community that our school is a part of and get a chance to go on a walk, around it. As the weather continues to change, we will still be taking opportunities to go outside to learn. We cannot wait to wear our school wellingtons and rain suits!</p>

### Attendance

In order for your child to get the best out of school and maximise their learning, please make sure your child is **on time for school and comes to school every day**. School starts at **8.45am**. Thank you.

**We look forward to working with you this half term!**  
**from Mrs Taylor, Miss Bibi & Miss Esther**