



Autumn 2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 13th November - Our Virtual Showcase video goes home. It's also Dress up like a Superhero day!

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner day.

Monday 16th - 20th December - Anti-bullying Week (wear odd socks on Monday 16th!)

Friday 18th December - Last day of term

Tuesday 5th January '21 - Children return to school.

Thank you for all of your support last half term. The children have had a fantastic start to the year and we are absolutely delighted with how well they have all settled into Reception!

NEW TOPIC - Superheroes and Everyday Heroes!

Superhero Day - as part of our topic focus, we will be dressing up as Superheroes on Friday 13th November.

We encourage children to come dressed as their favourite super hero.

Superheroes and Everyday Heroes! If you have any heroes in your family, past or present, please let us know via email, as we would love to learn more about them and share them with our classes. A picture of them would be great too.

GOLDEN GARDEN We are very excited about taking the children up to our wonderful Golden Garden (w/b 16th November). Please see the email sent about clothing requirements for this and ensure your child arrives to school in their kit. Thank you.

STUDENT TEACHERS We are very fortunate to have a new student teacher joining us this half term in Reception. Michele Botongo will be in RF. She will be with us until February next year.

INTERACTIVE LEARNING DIARY:

Next week, we will be sending home a letter regarding your child's online learning journal. The letter will inform you how to sign in and create your account, so that you can view your child's learning.

Reception Learning Letter

PHONICS

We will be finishing phase 2 of Letters and Sounds and starting to introduce tricky words. A tricky word is a word that is not phonetically decodable, and is therefore just learned as a whole. The first set of words are: **the, to, I, no, go & into**. During phonics lessons we do encourage children to 'have a go' at letter formation. Understandably, many children find this tricky, but we are talking regularly with the children about how we are learning. In the book bags each child has a pen and a laminated sheet to support this learning. Please 'have a go' at home too. There are also apps like Dinolets and Spooky Letters that support pre-cursive letter formation.

MATHS

This half term we will be learning about sorting, comparing groups and addition and subtraction. To help us, please support your child in their number recognition and number formation. We will be emailing you information about Maths Home Learning tasks in the coming weeks so please look out for it!

BOOK BAGS

Your children should now have received their book bags with some books to practise reading to you nightly and some bigger story books they would like you to read to them. Early reading is essential in developing children's language and communication skills as well as their phonetic knowledge so practising nightly will be a great benefit to them. Thank you in advance for supporting your child with this. **Please return the book bag, with the school books, on your child's reading day only** and we will swap them for new ones.

GENERAL REMINDERS

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the winter weather (eg: warm waterproof coats and shoes) and remember to label your child's clothing, including hats, scarfs and gloves. We can't return anything unless it is labelled.

PTA

The PTA is raising money for year groups this year. Any money raised for Reception will be spent on enhancing the outdoor area. Thank you in advance for your support

THE RECEPTION TEAM

