



Friday 5th November 2021

Autumn 2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 26th November - Reception Dress as a Superhero Day.

Monday 13th December - Reception Christmas Nativity

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner!

Monday 15th - 19th December - Anti-bullying Week (Wear Odd Socks!)

Thursday 16th December - Hobgoblin Christmas show

Friday 17th December - Last day of term

SPRING TERM - **Wednesday 5th January 2021** - Children return to school

MESSAGES - Thank you for all of your support last half term. The children have had a fantastic start to the year and we are delighted with how well they have all settled in to Reception! PTA - We'd like to say a big thank you to the PTA for our generous class allowance and we intend to use it to enhance our indoor and outdoor learning provision.

NEW TOPIC - Superheroes and Everyday Heroes!

Superhero Day - as part of our topic focus, we will be dressing as Superheroes on Friday 26th November. We encourage children to come dressed as their favourite superhero.

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. Also, if you or a relative who does a job that falls under the 'People Who Help Us' banner, we would love to hear more about your role.

MATHS - Areas of learning this half term will focus on; recognising numbers to 3, 2D shapes and using positional language. To help us, please support your child in their knowledge of numbers to 20, number recognition and number formation.

FOREST SCHOOL - Forest School will continue this half term in all weathers. Please provide your child with a full change of clothes, as the Golden Garden is particularly muddy around this time of year.

PHONICS - We will be finishing phase 2 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. Please 'have a go' at home too. There are also apps like Dinolets and Spooky Letters that support letter formation. Please refer to the sheets given out after parents evening for useful links.

Vocabulary - This year, we are explicitly teaching the children new words every week. These may be linked to our topic, or may be words we can use in stories or everyday conversations. Next week, we will send home more information regarding these words, with some ideas of how you can support your child to use the new vocabulary at home.

Reception NATIVITY - This term, Reception will be performing 'Bundle of Joy' for our Christmas nativity. When a decision is made, we will be able to let you know if this will be watched live or as a recording. We will send out information about costumes in the next few weeks.

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.

Lewisham Oral Health Zoom session - The Oral Health Promotion team will be hosting a Q and A session via Zoom for parents and carers, offering top tips on how to look after children's teeth. See separate email.

STUDENTS - We are very fortunate to have a student teacher in RF. Michele Bolongo will be in RF until the beginning of December.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

THE RECEPTION TEAM

