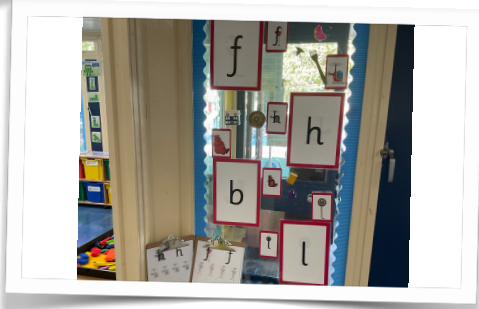




# Reception Newsletter

*We discover and realise the genius in everyone!*



## Dear Parents/Carers...

Welcome back and we hope that you all enjoyed the break. Last term was very busy with settling into a new class, making new friends, and learning the routines of Reception. Our topic this half term is 'Our local community'. The children will talk about the lives of significant people around them. They will learn about different people who live and work in our community. There will also be opportunity for the children to share their experiences of special events and celebrations. We will also begin practicing for our Christmas performance!

*Miss Milhench (RSM), Mrs Fletcher (RJF), Miss McKenzie (RSK)*

### TOPIC FOCUS: OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

We have planned lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children to learn and investigate. We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books related to our topic. The children will also continue with their phonics learning and applying this to their reading and writing. In mathematics we will be counting the total number of objects in two sets, comparing two sets of objects, subitising to 4 and learning about 2D shapes.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Book Fair

10th-15th November

#### Odd Socks Day

13th November

#### Last Day of Term

Thursday 21st  
December

#### First Day Back to School

Tuesday 9th January

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please ensure your child is bringing their book bag to school everyday. Books will be changed once a week and recorded in your child's blue reading champion book. There is space in the book for you to comment and sign for the reading that you have done at home. Children should not bring other bags to school, other than their Heronsgate book bag, P.E. kit, or a packed lunch if they require it.

## Home Learning

### WB 30th October:

#### Core Book - All are Welcome Here

- Count actions on your way to school, such as the number of steps you take, or hops you do.
- Create your own map of your route to school.
- Practice writing your name.

### WB: 6th November:

#### Core Book - Emergency!

- Draw a picture of what you might want to be when you grow up.
- Visit the library and look at non-fiction books about jobs in our local community, such as librarian, police officer, lollipop person, etc.
- Practice writing our graphemes of the week: v, w, x, y.

### WB: 13th November:

#### Core Book - What a Wonderful World

- Go on a phonics hunt looking for objects with the qu and sh sound in them.
- Design your own nature picture using natural materials from outside.
- Draw a picture of what makes you feel happy.

### WB: 20th November:

#### Core Book - Mr Gumpy's Outing

- Draw a map of your route to school.
- Create a boat using materials at home. Test it in the bathtub with an adult and see if it will sink or float?
- Practice writing the tricky words I, is, the, go, no, into

### WB: 27th November:

#### Core Book - If the Dinosaurs Came Back

- Can you find out information about dinosaurs? Ask an adult to help you look in some books or on a website.
- How many hops can you do? Count them! What about how many star jumps?

### WB: 4th December:

#### Core Book - Stickman

- Create your own stick person.
- Go on a tricky word hunt. Look for I, the, is
- Find 2-3 objects in your house and order them by their weight.

### WB: 11th & 18th December:

#### Core Book - A Very Snowy Christmas

- Think about winter and the type of changes that happen. Create a fact file about winter.
- Design your own snowy art scene.
- Write about your favourite celebration with your family.

## LITTLE WANDLE LETTERS & SOUNDS

Thank you for helping your child with their phonics over the half term break. We hope that the phonics pack was useful in supporting your child to identify the graphemes we have been learning and practice the letter formation. Please visit the website below for further parent information and videos, to enable you to continue to support your child with phonics. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents>.

## TAPESTRY & HOME LEARNING

Thank you to the parents/carers who are uploading fantastic home learning on Tapestry and adding comments to their child's observations. We would love to see even more photographs of the activities and special events you are doing at home, and allowing the children to share these photos and experiences with their peers. If you haven't already activated your account, please speak to your child's class teacher so that we can send you an updated email. Tapestry is a great opportunity for you to see observations and photographs of the learning your child has been doing at school.