

Reception



Newsletter

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. This term we are looking forward to learning even more! Our topics are 'Glitter and Shine' followed by 'Let's Celebrate'. We will be thinking and learning about the different celebrations that happen during this time of year, as well as practicing for our Christmas performance.

Miss McKenzie, Miss Millhench, Mrs Fletcher and Miss Hodgson

Topic Focus: 'Glitter and Shine' and 'Let's Celebrate'

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 topics. The children will also continue with phonics this term. In mathematics we will be learning to recognise and order numbers, 1:1 counting and 2D shapes and patterns.



Reminders

Book Bags

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 or a packed lunch if they require it.

Uniform

Now that the wet and colder weather is upon us, please dress your child appropriately for the outdoors. We would advise hats, scarves, gloves and wellington boots. Children may wear boots to and from school but they must change into suitable footwear when they arrive to wear inside the school. We would also like to remind parents that hoop earrings are not to be worn to school. Only small studded earrings are permitted. Please remember to label all clothing and boots/shoes with your child's name. Umbrellas should not be left at school.

Tapestry

Thank you to the parents/carers who are uploading fantastic home learning on Tapestry and adding comments to their child's observations. 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.

Home Learning

Our topics for this half term are 'Glitter and Shine' and 'It's Time to Celebrate. Below is a list of the core books we will be reading with children and some suggested activities to further support your child at home.

Books	Activities
WB: 2 nd Nov -Peace at last	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What noises can you hear around your house? What is making that noise? Listen carefully. • Can you find anything on your way to school that begins with s, a, t,? • What different shapes can you see in your house? Tell an adult how many sides and corners it has.
WB: 9 th Nov -Owl Babies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you tell an adult about where owls live? • How many hops can you do? Count them! What about how many star jumps? • What number is your house? Can you write that number? What other number can you write?
WB: 16 th Nov -Whatever Next	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help count the number of trees on your way to school. What would be one more? What about one less? What other things can you count on your way to school? • Design your own rocket and give it a spectacular name. • Create your own oral story about going to the moon and tell it to a member of your family or a teddy bear.
WB: 23 rd Nov -Aliens Love Underpants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create your own alien. Can you describe it to a grown up? • What numbers can you see on the way to school? Can you find that many conkers/leaves/twigs? • Practice writing the first sound you can hear in the words sat, sip, ant, apple, top, tap
WB: 30 th Nov -Stick Man	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create your own Stick Man and write a book about the adventures he gets into • Who is the tallest in your family? Who is the shortest? • Do some online research about nocturnal animals. Where do they live? What do they eat?
WB: 7 th Dec - The Gruffalo's Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw a picture of the Gruffalo. Describe him to a grown up. • Can you find any tricky words in your book at home? the, no, go • Can you find one less than 3, 4 and 7?
WB: 14 th Dec - A Very Snowy Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think about winter and the types of changes that happen outside in the winter. Create a snowy piece of artwork. • Find three toys and lay them next to one another. Which is the longest? Which one is shorter? • Draw a picture of your favourite celebration with your family