

Reception Learning Letter

Dates for your diary

Monday 11th - 15th November - Anti-bullying Week - Choose Respect (Wear Odd Socks on **Tuesday 12th November!**)

Wednesday 20th November – Children's Day

Saturday 7th December - Winter Fair

Thursday 12th December- Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17th December - EYFS Winter Show (2.30pm)

Thursday 19th December - EYFS Christmas story session with Beanstalk Arts

Friday 20th December - Last day of term

SPRING TERM - Tuesday 7th January 2025 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 into Reception!

Routines

Outdoor Learning (Forest School) - Thursday mornings (RF) and Friday mornings (RK)

Indoor PE - Tuesdays (RF) and Thursdays (RK)

Forest School

Forest School will continue this half term in all weathers. The Golden Garden can be particularly muddy at this time of year, so please continue to send your child in wearing full waterproofs and a plastic bag for their muddy kit. Spare shoes and socks are a must too please!

NEW TOPIC - Superheroes & Everyday Heroes!

Superhero Day- as part of our topic focus, we will be dressing as Superheroes on **Wednesday 20th Nov**. 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 share them with our classes. A picture of them would be great too. Also, if you or a relative does a job that falls under the 'People Who Help Us' banner, we would love to hear more about the role.

Maths – This half term, we will focus on; 'The Fiveness of Five,' securing counting skills, the composition of numbers to 5, and comparing amounts. We will also look at 2D shapes and their properties.

Phonics - We will be finishing our phase 2 graphemes and have started to learn some tricky words. A tricky word is a word that is not phonetically decodable, so children learn to sight read them. During phonics lessons, we are continuing to practise our letter formation and spelling some 3 letter words. Please support your children to practise their letter formation at home too. They could do so in sand or flour, or with pen and paper to practise their pencil grip. **Please note:** the children are not taught letter names or cursive writing in Reception. Please ensure apps are set to practise non-cursive formation.

Little Wandle Reading books- This term your child will be bringing home a Little Wandle reading book each weekend. These books have been read by your child with an adult at school, so they will be familiar with them. Please hear your child read this book over the weekend **and return them every Monday**. We rotate this books across the school, so it is very important that we get them back on time. **Please note:** this does not affect your child's reading day, on which they bring back their storybooks and phonics book.

Reception NATIVITY - This term, Reception will be performing 'A Miracle in Town' for our Christmas nativity. We will send out information about costumes and lines nearer the time.

GENERAL REMINDERS - Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the winter weather (e.g.: warm waterproof coats and shoes) and remember to label your child's clothing, including hats, scarves, and gloves. Please can you also make sure that your child has a change of spare clothes that is left on their peg.

Family photos – If you would still like to add your family photo to our wall of fame, we have space! You can email these for your child's class teacher to print out.

Bottles & Bookbags- Please ensure your child brings their water bottle and book bag into school every day.

Labelling - Please ensure all items of your child's clothing are labelled.

Can we please remind you that we are a nut free school. We would also like to make you aware that we have children in Reception with severe allergies. Please may we ask that you have a conversation with your child at home about not sharing any food with others at lunchtime, and about ensuring they wash their hands thoroughly **with soap** after they have eaten. If you are kind enough to bring in any **junk modelling** resources for us, please ensure not to bring in anything that has been in contact with nuts, dairy or eggs! Thank you.

Contacting teachers (between 8am - 6pm only)

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Best wishes,
The Reception Team