

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a great start to Reception we have had! We are very excited for the upcoming term and all of the fantastic things we have planned for the term ahead.

During this term we will continue getting to know your children, learning their likes and dislikes and building relationships with all the staff in the environment. This term we will have a focus on: Phonics, English, Maths Mastery, Maths Meetings and experimental learning, (learning through play). The week beginning 16th of October is **Friendship Week**, we will be talking about what a 'good friend' means and performing some role-play about the word 'bullying'. We will also be celebrating Remembrance Sunday.

Our focus for this term will be **Curiosity and Creativity** we will be encouraging the children to take ownership in their work by displaying it around the classroom. We will also have a variety of photos of your children in their school environment these may be in or outside the classroom.

We will be reading lots of fun stories to your children - **Room on the Broom, The Little Red Hen, The Gingerbread Man and, The Jolly Christmas Postman Story.**

What your children will be learning this term?

Phonics:

- Letters and Sounds Phase 2 from the Letters & Sounds Phonic Programme
- Recognising Phonemes and Graphemes

English:

- To recall the initial sounds in words and blend and segment CVC words
- To write initial sounds

Maths:

- Addition and Subtraction within 10
- Measure Length
- Shape and Sorting
- Calendar and Time
- Maths Meeting (Counting, Shapes, Patterns, Days of the week)

Understanding the World:

- Children will have the opportunity to talk about their Halloween Experience
- Cooking Gingerbread men
- Christmas Activities

Expressive Art and Design:

- Halloween drawings, paintings, music
- Firework design paintings, drawing
- Winter/December play

Physical Development:

- Pencil control (please support your child to write their name, if they can already write their name please encourage them to use a capital for the first letter of their name/surname)
- Personal Hygiene
- Wearing warm clothing in this cold weather (encourage your child to put on their coats, hats and gloves independently)
- Experimenting with mark making

Personal, Social, Emotional Development:

- Keeping safe during Halloween and firework night
- Talking about good and bad - antonyms

- Christmas activities (if your child does not celebrate Christmas please can you encourage them to take part in activities and help your child to feel confident at all times)

Could you please remind your children that they should not be bringing in toys from home as the school cannot be responsible for their loss, theft or damage.

Attendance is crucial for children to make good progress this coming year. If your child is absent please ensure that you ring the school by 9.00 am to inform us of absence. An email must also be written to the school office explaining your child's absence on their return to school.

We are happy to ring you if you have any concerns, questions or problems. After school is the best time for a longer discussion. Please email the office and a class teacher will ring you to discuss any questions or issues you may have.

Thank you for all of your support,

The Reception Team

Mrs Bikauskaite, Miss D'Cruz, Mrs Wilden & Mrs Ashwini and Miss Doyle