

# Newsletter

## Spring 2018 – Reception



Happy New Year everyone, we are excited to see what the new term brings!

The children are progressing very well in Phonics and are regularly practising and applying the skills that they have learnt so far when reading at home and at school. We will be continuing to learn new sounds and tricky words every day. The children will be reading short sentences and using their prior knowledge to identify the sounds they have learnt, along with recognising high frequency words and tricky words within sentences. This half term we will be focusing on writing sentences with the children. They will be using the skills they have learnt in Phonics to write simple words and learning new skills such as being able to construct a sentence independently.



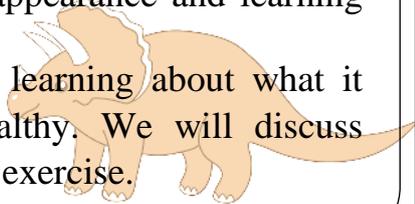
In Maths the children are becoming more and more confident with their numbers to 20. We are practising counting forwards, backwards, ordering numbers, recognising numbers out of sequence and correct number formation. They have worked hard on being able to find one more and one less than a number. This half term we will be continuing to consolidate all the new skills from last term, introduce addition and we will also be looking at identifying and naming coins.



Our topic this half term is 'Which is the biggest dinosaur?'

The children will be learning all about dinosaurs including their names, describing their appearance and learning some fun facts!

We will also be learning about what it means to be healthy. We will discuss hygiene, diet and exercise.



A reminder that your child can only be eligible for Star of the Week if they

- Read 4 times in a week at home
- Follow Golden Rules
- Wear correct uniform
- Have full attendance for the week
- No late marks

Thank you, Miss Firman, Miss Walker, Mrs Stone and Miss Dunn.



### Useful Information

- We have a collection tin in both Reception cloakrooms for contributions. £1 a half term would be greatly appreciated.
- From next week reading books will be **changed 3 times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. Please remember to bring reading books and logs in everyday.
- **P.E is on Wednesday and Thursday.**
- Homework is due in on a **Tuesday** and new homework will be sent out on a **Thursday**.
- Break up for half term: **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**
- Back to school: **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**
- PD Days:  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April    Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June    Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**