

# Reception Newsletter



Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Children,

We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful half term holiday. It has been a busy and exciting first term of school for Reception Red and Blue Class. We have loved getting to know the children and have been very impressed with how quickly they have settled and developed new relationships with staff and their peers.



## Traditional Tales

Our topic this half term is Traditional Tales, which the children always thoroughly enjoy. We are focusing on three different traditional tales this half term. Please find our half term topic plan attached. We will be reading and writing about The Gingerbread Man, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Three Little Pigs. It would be wonderful if you could share some other Traditional Tales with your child at home. We would love to see which stories you have read or are currently reading via Tapestry.



## Reading

The children are already off to a flying start with their reading. Thank you so much for your support in listening to them read regularly and helping them to learn the sounds and words in their sound books. Your help with this makes a big difference and we really appreciate your support. We will continue to collect in reading books on a Monday, if they have been signed and send new books home on a Thursday. Sound books will continue to be updated every Friday.





### **Star of the Week**

For one week in the year in Reception, each child has the opportunity to be our Star of the Week. In the past we have invited children to bring to school items of interest from home. Our 'stars' have brought in items such as photographs, an interesting object or story, a member of their family or their pet to show their friends. Due to COVID restrictions and our school risk assessment, this year Star of the Week will be a little different. We would like to invite children to post to tapestry this year as part of their Star of the Week. The posts could be anything from their favourite stories, pictures of their pets, introducing members of their family, or sharing family photographs. We will look at the posts as a class together and your child will be able to talk and share with us whatever they have chosen. We will be sending individual letters with dates and more information soon.

### **PE**

PE days will be staying the same this half term and children will need to continue to come to school in their PE kit on their designated day.

**RED CLASS – THURSDAY**

**BLUE CLASS – MONDAY**

Our additional PE day will be a Wednesday but children do not need to be in PE kit on this day.

### **Weather/ Uniform**

With the weather beginning to turn cold it is important that all children have a warm/waterproof coat, gloves, a hat and wellington boots, as we will endeavour to get outside as much as we can to use the Outdoor area and Reception Garden. We also have our classroom windows open every day for ventilation so please feel free to send in extra layers for children to wear indoors. Please also ensure that every item of your child's uniform, including their hats, gloves and coats are clearly named.

We are very lucky in Reception as this half term we have a new member of staff joining our team. Mrs Nina Bigg will be working mornings in reception, alongside Mrs Watson, to support the children and their learning. We are very excited to welcome Mrs Bigg and we know that she is very much looking forward to getting to know the children.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch either by ringing or emailing the school office, who will pass on your queries or alternatively, leave us a message on tapestry and we will get back to you.

With your continued support, I am sure that we will have another successful and exciting half term ahead of us.

Best Wishes,  
The Early Years Team