

Reception Newsletter : Spring 1

Welcome back to Reception. On behalf of the Early Years Team we would like to wish you a Happy New Year and hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break! This term is going to be very busy and full of opportunities for you to share learning with your child, therefore please ensure book bags are checked daily for any important letters.

Our Topic this half term is "*Where Does Snow Go?*" This topic provides knowledge about snow and the winter season. Throughout this topic children will learn about what happens to ice when it melts, how animals adapt to colder weather and the sensory qualities of snow & ice. Outdoor learning takes place everyday in Early Years so it is important your child has a pair of named wellies available in school and appropriate clothing as the season starts to change. Can I take this opportunity to remind you that P.E takes place **every Tuesday** and your child should have a named P.E kit available in school. Please ensure a full kit is present including a white t-shirt, black shorts and/or black joggers and pumps or trainers.

Finally, the safety of every individual at County Bridge is paramount. If for any reason a different person will be collecting your child from school you must follow the school safeguarding procedures by calling the office and informing them. We will not release pupils to any adult we have not had permission for. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Reception Team. Thank you for your continued support last term.

Miss Smith, Miss Aveline, Miss Teague and Mrs Proffitt.

In Physical Development, we will be learning how to keep warm and stay safe in cold weather.

In Expressive Art and Design, we will be using marbling inks in winter colours to make snow storm patterns. We will also completing freezing and melting experiments.

In Communication and Language, we will be describing colder climates and learning new winter words. We will also explore a range of books and story tapes about winter.

In Understanding of the World, we will be investigating polar animals, landscapes, cold countries and hibernation

Dates for your diary

- **Thursday 23rd January** - Maths inspire morning 10:00am-11:00am parents welcome.
- **Monday 27th January - Friday 31st January** - In class phonics lessons supporting your child (individual dates and times will be given out on separate letters)
- **Friday 14th February** - Reception class assembly 9:00am - parents welcome.
- **Friday 14th February** - end of term.



P.E

P.E takes place EVERY Tuesday. Please ensure your child brings their named kit to school on Monday and they leave it in school all week, taking it home on Friday to be washed.



Literacy

Reception will be learning to read words including diagraphs e.g. 'sh' 'ng' 'nk'. Our books focuses this half term will be 'Room on the Broom' and 'Whatever Next?'

In writing, we will be learning to write in a range of contexts, particularly whilst being imaginative during play. You can support your child at home with this by including them in writing tasks e.g. shopping lists.

Numeracy

In Maths, we will be learning to understand the meaning of the words 'more' and 'less'. We will begin to complete simple addition and subtraction calculations using physical objects. To support your child at home you could introduce them to these different symbols +, = and -.

Attendance and Punctuality

'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. Reception outdoor gates open at **8:45am** which allows time for children to settle in and hang up coats ready to start learning at **8:50am**. We ask that you try not to enter the classroom with your child and allow them to develop their own independence. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school ready to start their learning by **8.50am**.

Homework

In Reception, 5-10 minutes of reading with your child should be completed every day. We ask for you to complete a comment in their reading log once a week, this will enable us to develop next steps for your child. Reading books will be reviewed and changed at the end of the week according to your child's reading ability. A teacher will leave one weekly comment in your child's reading log so assessment of your child's learning is shared. As books can be shared at any time of the week it is very important for reading books and reading logs to be brought to school **every day**.

Reception will also receive a piece of Maths homework every Friday, this will relate to the learning which has taken place during Maths lessons within the week. Encouraging independence with this work will allow children to apply their skills and embed knowledge from prior learning.

Your child will receive 3 weekly spellings every Friday which they will need to practise reading and writing in their red homework book.

Reception will receive their Topic Homework Challenges at the start of each half term. They have been designed so that parents and children can work together on homework tasks one per week. We hope that you enjoy them.

Homework is given out on a **Friday** is due back in school by **Wednesday**. This gives children an opportunity to speak to their teacher on Monday or Tuesday if there is something that they don't understand.