

# Reception Newsletter : Autumn 2 2021

Welcome back to Reception, on behalf of the Reception staff we hope you have had a wonderful break.

Our topic this half term is 'Did Dragons Exist?' We will be learning about Dragons as mythical creatures and real life 'Dragons' such as Komodo Dragons and Bearded Dragons. We will also be learning about Castles, Kings and Queens.

Can I continue to remind you that all children should bring their book bag to school **everyday**. This should include their reading book, reading log and 45 common words. For any lost or damaged reading books there will be a charge. We can read with your child at any point throughout the week and if their reading book is not in school consistently hearing them read and changing their book will be difficult.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Reception Team.  
Miss Adams, Miss Aveline and Mrs Proffitt.

Reception will be learning about festivals and celebrations this half term. If you would like to speak to the class for around 15 minutes about your religion and how you celebrate special events, please let Miss Adams know. Reception would love to learn from you!

*In Physical Development we will strengthen our fine motor skills to enable us to hold our pencil correctly when writing captions and sentences about Dragons.*

*In Expressive Art and Design we will be creating artwork based around Dragon scales.*

*In Communication and Language we will be learning new language to describe a Dragon and its features.*

*In Understanding the World we will be finding out where we see Dragons around the world, for example on flags or Chinese New Year.*

*In Personal, Social, Emotional Development we will be learning to work collaboratively by maintaining constructive relationships with peers.*

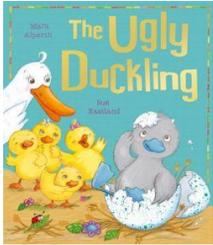
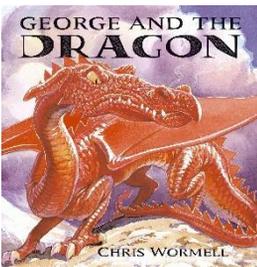
## Dates for your diary

- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**- Early Years Diwali celebration morning.
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November**- TT Rockstars dress up day.
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**- School Photographer
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**- Children in Need.
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**- Early Years Christmas craft morning.
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**- Flu vaccinations
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**- Christmas Pantomime at Forest Arts Centre.
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**- Class Christmas Parties. 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. Earrings need to be removed prior.





### Literacy

Reception children will be focusing on their high frequency words this half term and increasing the amount of words they can read on sight. You can help by practising these at home.

Our book focuses this half term will be 'George and the Dragon' and 'The Ugly Duckling'

In writing, we will be securing all our letter rhymes so we can form our letters correctly. We will be using our phonic knowledge to verbally blend and write some simple CVC words.

### Numeracy

In Maths, we will be learning about pattern and shape this half term. We will be creating patterns with everyday objects around us and developing these simple patterns into more complex patterns. We will recap our knowledge of 2D shapes and expand this further by learning the properties of shapes.



### Attendance and Punctuality

'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. School gates open at **8:40 am** which allows time for children to settle in and hang up coats ready to start learning at **8:50am**. 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 on Purple Mash, 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. 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.

Reception will receive their Topic Homework Challenges this week too. They have been designed so that parents and children can work together on homework tasks. We hope that you enjoy them. Please complete one challenge per week and bring into school on **Wednesday**.