



Autumn 2 2025



Reception Updates

THEME FOR THE TERM

We are looking forward to our new topic when we will be finding out about our toys and toys in the past too, as well as listening to and discussing 'Peepo' by Janet and Alan Ahlberg which links to the whole school topic on World War 2. To help us further explore the concept of 'past and present', we would love to borrow any toys which you, or your parents, played with when you were children. Please search your attics and lofts! We will also be making our own 'Sock things' in the classroom so if you have any spare odd socks we can have, please send them in.



We will also be using 'Kipper's Toy Box' by the author Mick Inkpen and will be reading other stories by this author too. Over the term you might like to look in the library for more of his stories that you can share at home. (Library services can also be accessed online or you can also find many of the stories on Youtube).

READING

Please continue to read with your child every day and record each time in their blue record book. This half term we will also send home a 'word wallet'. Word wallets are collections of key words which you can help your children learn to read and spell, following the suggestions included in each pack. A new set of words will be issued to each child at the beginning of each half term. Reading books can be changed during the week but please do take one from the same colour book band box. If your child is on a sound blending book, please speak to a teacher.

BRILLIANT BOOK

As part of our literacy board, we like to have a 'brilliant book' on display. This is a book which your child enjoys and can be linked to our topic. It can be a fiction or non-fiction book. We will be asking one child each week to bring a 'brilliant book' to school for our display. A letter will go home with a different child each Friday. (Please check the book bag!)



PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

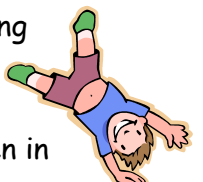
We will be continuing with our whole school PSHE scheme Jigsaw. The theme this half-term is Celebrating Difference. We will also continue discussing and trying our best to show the school values. The BBC Children in Need appeal will provide a good opportunity for discussion about others less fortunate than us.



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

To encourage the children to develop a sense of past and present we will look at baby toys and compare them with toys the children play with now. We would be grateful for any toy catalogues so that the children can use them for cutting and sticking.

We will discuss materials used to make a variety of toys and consider how different toys 'work'. Following the visit from Horsham Museum, the children will be making their own toy museum which you are welcome to visit on Tuesday 25th November at 3.15pm after school. As a 'fantastic finish' to our toys project the children will make sandwiches at school and eat them as part of a 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' on Children in Need Day. (As usual, please check with us about food allergies).



DRINKS BOTTLES

A reminder that our school policy is that there should only be water in the children's bottles which they have in the classroom. They have access to these throughout the day and can be filled from our taps in the art and craft room. Please also make sure your child's drink bottle has a spill proof top rather than a lid that has to be removed, which often causes large spillages in the classroom.

HOME LEARNING

Thank you for all the lovely Autumn Walk work you have been doing with your children - it looks fabulous in the classroom. From now on home learning will alternate between work in the homework book which was sent home before half term and a virtual activity set on Seesaw. All instructions will be included, but please ask if you need further clarification.

PARENT HELPERS

We look forward to welcoming parent helpers into the unit this half term. Help is always welcome and gives an excellent insight into how Year R really works! If your DBS check is complete, please let us know which days and times you are available to come in and help.



OPEN AFTERNOON/LENDING LIBRARY

Don't forget you are welcome to visit the classroom on a Tuesday afternoon from 3.15 p.m. We hope you will find a few moments to come into school with your child, take the opportunity to look around the Reception unit and look at your child's learning on the walls. We also have a selection of puzzles and games which you may like to borrow on this day.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Children in Need... Friday 14th November - look out in the Newsflash for more details

Phonics workshop: Thursday 20th November

Celebration of Work for Parents/Carers: Friday 21st November 2.45pm

Class Museum: Tuesday 25th November 3.15pm

Funky Fingers drop in: Tuesday 2nd December 8.45 am

Reception Nativity...details of dates in school newsflash. Costume letters coming soon!

AND FINALLY.... If you do have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Reception Team