# Autumn Term One, Reception



Welcome from Phase Lead

Welcome to **Fairfields** Primary School! This half term i all about making new friends and learning new rules and routines. Already your children have been busy exploring our fantastic environment and playing lots of getting to know you games.

Mrs Blakeburn

Drawing Club

Reception are very excited to be starting 'Drawing Club'! The children were so eager to draw their first character in their new books and enjoyed learning adventurous vocabulary linked to our text. This week we are focusing on 'Were going on a bear hunt'

Maths

This half term we will be practising our counting using 1:1 correspondence. Whilst you are out and about any opportunity you have to count with your child would be great – cars, jumps, sticks, puddles etc...

We will also look closely at numbers to 5 and focus on developing a good understanding to build throughout the year.

**Important Dates** 

We are

reading..

EYFS Phonics workshop

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

We're Going on

a Bear Hunt

Parents evening – 17th and 19th October

**Phonics** 

For the first couple of weeks in our phonic sessions we will mainly be playing lots of listening games. Speaking and listening games are a fun way of helping children to listen more carefully when someone else is talking. They are great for getting children to speak more confidently as well! As we move further into September we will start to introduce a new letter every day.



## Geography/History

### Art/DT

#### Writing

Any opportunities to write are amazing! We will be spending lots of time practising writing our name – for more reluctant writers this does not have to be paper and pencil, we will also be using our fingers in sand and shaving foam to encourage us to form recognisable letters. If you are practising writing at home please encourage your child to write in lower case not upper case letters.

#### Playdough recipe!

- 2 cups of plain flour
- 2 cups of warm water
- l cup of salt
- 1 sachet of cream of tartar / 2/3 tablespoons
- A few drops of food colouring l tablespoon of vegetable oil

Mix it altogether and knead it. If it is too sticky then keep adding more flour!

## Music

If you ever want to share your learning at home please do not hesitate to send in an email or send it in with your child. We love seeing what you have been up to!

We love sharing the children's learning.

## **PSED**

To enhance our personal, social and emotional development we use a scheme called Jigsaw PSHE. Our first unit is called 'Being me in my word' and focuses on self-identity, understanding feelings and appropriate behaviour in the classroom.

# Communication

We are always here to speak to should you have any questions or concerns about your child.

Please feel confident to grab your class teacher at the gate for a quick chat, if they are unable to speak at that moment they will always be happy to arrange a meeting.

#### PE

This week we started our PE lessons. We will be playing lots of games in the hall focusing on using the space around us and starting to look at simple movements such as skipping and hopping.