



Welcome back!

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half term break. It has been wonderful to see the children come back confidently and ready to learn. We always find that this half term whizzes by and it will be Christmas before we know it!

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us starting off with learning about Diwali and Remembrance Day, then moving on to World Nursery Rhyme week where we hope to immerse the children in magic of rhyme and songs. We have a Fire Engine coming to visit us, an Autumn walk planned and our Christmas Craft mornings. Amongst all of this we shall start to learn our Christmas Nativity so expect your children to come home singing lots of new songs! Based on feedback at parents evening, going forward we plan to send out Reception Newsletters fortnightly as a way of keeping you better informed of our learning.

The Reception Team

Important Dates

World Nursery Rhyme Dress up Day – Tuesday 14th November

Autumn walk – 16th November

Reception Christmas Craft mornings – Flora 6th December, Venus 7th December, Aurora 8th December 9-10am

Reception Nativity – Wednesday 13th December 9:15am, Thursday 14th 2:30pm

Drawing Club book of the week



We will be reading 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. You can watch the story being read on the following link - [Whatever Next! Stories read aloud - YouTube](#)

Next week we will be focusing on a nursery rhyme a day.

Monday – Jack and Jill

Tuesday – Hickory Dickory Dock

Wednesday – Head, shoulders, knees and toes

Thursday – Row, row, row your boat

Friday – The wheels on the bus

Number

This half term we will continue to look at numbers to 5 – including one more and one less. This will then move on to looking at the 'part, part whole' method. This method encourages children to see the relationship between the whole number and its component parts, helping learners to make connections with early addition and subtraction. To finish off our number learning we will also start to learn our number bonds to 5 (the different ways to make 5).

Finally we will be looking at shapes with up to 4 sides (circles, squares, rectangles and triangles). We will look closely at the differences between these shapes and discuss their properties. We will also be trying to spot these shapes within our indoor and outdoor environment.

Writing and Phonics



The children made a super start to their phonics last term and it is fantastic to see so many of them coming into school and asking what today's sound is! Please continue to practise the sounds sent home with your children encouraging them to make words with them, sound the words out and then blend the sound together to say the word. This half term we will split the children into phonics groups to enable us to target their needs better.

To link with our phonics learning we will be encouraging the children to use their phonic knowledge in their writing. Some children are now confidently hearing sounds in words and we are encouraging them to word build using the sounds they can hear. This is when we start to introduce 'Fred Fingers' where we encourage the children to pinch each finger and say the sounds and then record the sounds they can hear when they pinch their fingers. For more reluctant writers please remember that any opportunities to write are amazing and writing does not always have to include pencil and paper. We love to get the chalks out in Reception or encourage children to make marks in the sand with sticks.

Reminders

PE day is **Tuesday** for Aurora, Flora and Venus Class. Please wear PE Kit to school on this day.

Remember your named water bottle every day and a small afternoon snack of fruit or vegetables.

Pop your child's name in all clothing – this will help us locate it when it goes for a walk about!

