

Working together for a brighter future.

Adults in Reception



Mrs Evans



Mrs Griffiths



Mrs Robertson



Mrs Peace



Mrs Dewhurst



Mrs Johnson

School Fund

Many thanks to everyone who has paid the Early Years School Fund for Autumn. Just £1 a week helps us to provide many varied and exciting practical activities for your children, that follow their changing interests e.g. playdoh, baking, crafts and treats—such as pumpkins to carve.

The fund can be paid on Parent Pay, please contact the school office if you need your login details.

Websites that you should check out:



Here are some websites that might be useful if you want to help your child at home
<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/expert-help/phonics-made-easy>

What's happening in Reception?

Autumn 2 November 2020

Our topic this half term!

This half term we will be looking at Autumn and Winter festivals. We are continuing to look at the changes around us as we move towards Winter.



There are many festivals at this time of year and we will be finding out about Halloween, Advent, Christmas and Winter celebrations around the world. We will be finding out how to keep safe and enjoy Bonfire Night and learning the Bonfire code.

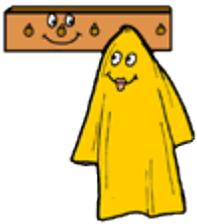


Diary Dates

Unfortunately, we will be unable to invite parents to watch a Nativity show this year.

We will be having a Christmas party in December (date to follow). We would like every child to contribute £2 towards the food and drink. On that day they can come to school in party clothes. We will send out more information nearer the time.

School closes on Friday December 18th.



Morning and afternoon routine and developing independence.

Thank you for all your support with our morning and afternoon routines

Reception times will be 8:55—2:55 for **both** classes—your help is greatly appreciated. Please remember to wear a face covering in the playground. As we are trying hard to keep our 'bubbles' apart, it would be great if you could leave the playground as quickly as possible and children should not be using our play areas.

Thank you to everyone who has labelled all items of clothing!

Please make sure that children are wearing shoes they can fasten themselves. **Velcro** is best For Reception Shoes must be **all black**.

Writing



All the children are learning the correct way to write their sounds e.g. Maisie, mountain. We will continue to send home sheets that they can continue to use at home. We are teaching them to use the correct grip (see the illustration above).

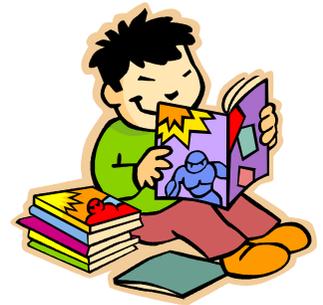
Maths

In Maths this half term we will be focusing on counting to 10 and back down to zero. We will use this to say "how many?" small objects we have. We are also learning to recognise and write all the digits to 10.



READING AND SHARING BOOKS

The children have made a great start to reading in Reception!



Please sign the green reading diary to show your child has read at home. We expect children to read each book a number of times. Encourage your child to talk about the story and retell it in their own words. If your child's book has words (some may not at this stage) encourage them to point to each word as it is read. You can also look for sounds that they may recognise.

Some children are beginning to blend simple words e.g. c-a-t, cat. Please encourage them by showing them how to do this in a book or during the day e.g. "Please get you h-a-t."

We would like children to bring in their reading books **every day** so that we can use every opportunity to hear them read. *Thank you* to everyone who is doing this! Your child will get a house point each day they bring in their book.

To follow your child's house points each week log into Class Dojo! This is where you can also follow what we are teaching each week in our Class Story

(Please ask the class teacher if you need your sign in details again.)

Try singing the days of the week song to the Addam's Family theme tune.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GKmCQOy88Y>

