

Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a fantastic start it has been to the year in Reception. It's hard to believe how quickly the time has gone and we are so proud of how well the children have settled into school.

Over the past few weeks, we've focused on helping the children build confidence in their new environment, get to know their teachers and classmates and learn the routines of the day. It has been lovely to see so many new friendships forming and to watch the children grow in independence.

Our topic this half term has been 'All About Me' - We've explored this theme through stories, songs, creative activities and circle time. The children especially enjoyed making self-portraits this half term and bringing in family photos for their timelines. It has been lovely seeing their family photos!

We would also like to say a big thank you for your continued support at home – whether it's reading together, practising sounds, naming clothes, or chatting about the school day, it all makes a huge difference. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term. Thank you again for helping to make the start of Reception such a positive one.

Warm regards,

The Reception Team:

Mrs Hardy, Mrs Ooi, Miss Ahmad and Miss Montgomery



In phonics, the children have started learning our initial sounds using the 'Read Write Inc' programme. The children have been working hard on their listening skills, recognising sounds, and beginning to blend for reading. In maths, we've been focusing on recognising numbers, sorting, counting objects and exploring patterns and shapes through continuous provision. The children are really developing a love for their maths learning!

The children have loved exploring our outdoor area, developing their gross motor skills and engaging in imaginative play. They particularly loved the campfire and tent and the sand pit is a firm favourite! Additionally, to develop their fine motor skills daily dough disco has had all the children smiling.



After half term, we are looking forward to starting our new topics and learning, plus our exciting 'Wriggly Nativity'! If you would like to, we would be very grateful for any donations for our future topics - please see our wish list below.

### Reception Wish List

We are currently in need of the following items:

- Craft materials (e.g. googly eyes, feathers, buttons, ribbon, coloured paper, pompom, pipe cleaners, sequins)
- Washed pebbles / rocks
- Legging / joggers age 4 – 6
- Used board games or toys in good condition (e.g. operation)
- Clean spray bottles
- Dressing up outfits (used or new) for people who help us (police, doctors, postmen etc)

Any contributions, no matter how small, are always very much appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Please pass any contributions on to your child's class teacher.



### Reminders

As always, our priority during dismissal at the end of the day is ensuring that every child is safely reunited with their parent or carer.

While we are more than happy to speak with parents, we kindly ask that any discussions wait until all children have been dismissed. This helps us maintain focus on the safety and supervision of the children during this busy time.

If your child has forgotten something in the classroom at the end of the day, please wait until dismissal has finished before sending them back into the room. We also ask that you inform the class teacher before your child re-enters the classroom.

Regarding injuries, we always send home a head bump letter when needed and the medical team will call home if there is an injury that requires further attention. However, we do not routinely call for minor injuries that can be treated in school by the medical staff (plasters etc). Thank you for your understanding on these matters.