

Reception Newsletter

September/October 2016

Reception have had a busy half term so far getting to know each other, making friends and exploring our classrooms, both indoors and outdoors. We have also started phonics and are learning some letter sounds.

Look out for your child's **homework book** coming home soon - homework is sent out on a Friday and needs to be returned to school on the following Thursday. To begin with homework will be based around the sounds we are learning in phonics.

Parental Engagement

Thursday 20th October 2016

It's all about reading!

This is a special time when you can come along and share your child's learning in a fun way. As the session is designed for you to spend time with your school aged child. Due to space limitations we are unable allow siblings to attend.

More details to follow shortly.

How can I support my child at home?

Thank you for a fab start to the year and for reading so enthusiastically at home - please continue reading at least three times a week! As children learn letter sounds in phonics they will start to bring home books with words. They will need some support to sound out and blend the words.

All reception children have been set a target - you can find this inside their communication book. This half term's focus is 'dressing and undressing'. You can help at home by allowing your child to dress themselves, showing them how to turn clothes the right way out and how to put on socks and tights.

DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 4th & Thursday 6th October - Parent's Evening
- Thursday 20th October - Parental Engagement
- Monday 24th - Friday 30th October - Half Term
- Monday 31st October - Staff Training Day

DINOSAUR ROAR!

Reception are going to be finding out all about dinosaurs! We will be learning through a 'Mantle of the Expert' approach where we will become experts in dinosaur behaviour and habits.



Reminders

Now the weather is changing please make sure your child brings a **coat** to school every day.

Also check **school uniforms** and **P.E. kits** are labelled with your child's name or initials.

P.E. is on a Thursday this half term - please make sure your child's kit is in school every week.

For safety reasons, please ensure all long hair is tied back and only stud earrings are worn to school. These should be removed on P.E. days or they will be covered with microporous tape.



Three Times Readers



RM - 19

RB - 10

RJ - 8

Well done **RM** for having the most children who read at least three times!

