

Reception Curriculum Details ~ Spring 2 2020

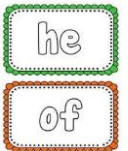
Welcome back to school! We hope you all enjoyed the half term break and weren't too badly affected by the flooding.

After reading 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' to mark Shrove Tuesday, our focus text will be 'The Gingerbread Man', a traditional tale. The children will be adapting it to create their own version of the story, which we will then use to make a class book. The children will enjoy baking their own gingerbread men, too. We will be reading and comparing different versions of the story, so please do send in a copy if you have one at home. At the end of the term, our focus will be the Easter story and the children will learn of its significance to Christians.



In Maths, the children will be using numbers to 20 and beyond, counting on and back to add and subtract. They will be learning about 3D shapes, comparing weights and telling the time (to o'clock). Please do check Tapestry regularly to see our Maths Monkey target with ideas for supporting and reinforcing learning at home.

Several children are now confidently recognising many of the 45 High Frequency words for Reception. **Please continue to play games with the words on the sheets which have been sent home to help the children build up a good sight vocabulary.** Do ask for replacements if they have been mislaid. The time you give to reinforcing the words at home is invaluable. Three reading books will be sent home each Monday; it is great to see how the children's confidence and fluency is developing when they have opportunities to re-read their books during the week.



In Phonics, the children will continue reading and writing their Set 1 sounds as these are the foundation for their reading and writing skills. The Set 2 sounds will be taught this half term, along with the Set 3 sounds introduced in 'Teach Your Monster to Read', as we continue our monsters' journeys. There are 12 Set 2 sounds: ay, ee, igh, ow, oo, oo, ar, or, air, ir, ou and oy. Please check Tapestry for 'Fun with Words' village updates regarding Teach Your Monster to Read.

Outdoor 'Welly Wednesday' activities with our friends at Bumblebees continue weekly. The children love taking their learning outside! We will be observing seasonal changes and looking out for the first signs of Spring.



This half term, PE with Mrs Watson will continue to take place on Thursdays. She will be teaching a multi-skills unit and the children will be developing agility, balance and co-ordination. PE lessons will take place in the Hall or outside if it is dry and not too cold. Please ensure PE kits (including outdoor - named, please!) are kept in school at all times as timetables do change; an additional session may take place on a different day.

We will also begin our Balanceability programme this half term, with weekly sessions outside on our balance bikes, weather permitting.



'Show and Tell' takes place every Friday. The children are welcome to bring one item from home to show the rest of the class in circle time. Every effort is made to keep things safe, but please don't send in anything too large or too precious!

Dates for your diary: Thursday 5th March is World Book Day - all children come to school dressed as a book character on this day. Reception children will lead our



Mothering Sunday Assembly on **Thursday 19th March**. Please join us at 9am in the school hall if you are able. And finally, our Easter Eucharist service is on **Wednesday 1st April** at Church, starting at 9.15am. All are welcome to attend.

As always, if you have any concerns, no matter how small, please do speak to one of us before or after school. We are looking forward to a busy six weeks in the run up to Easter.

Karen Smith and Niky Waller