

Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term - November 2020



Dates for your diary:

- *Monday 9th November—Parents evening via telephone
- *Thursday 12th November—Parents evening via telephone.
- *Friday 13th November—Children in Need

There are currently no other dates for your diary. We will keep you updated with any changes via your child's Link Book.

Please ensure that you check your child's book bag/link book every day so that you stay up to date with the times/dates for each event. Also please check our website www.dereham.norfolk.sch.uk for a copy of our newsletters, photographs etc...

Look what we will be learning about

During this half term, our theme will be "What happens when we are sleeping?"

We will be looking at space travel, planets, bedtime routine and night life. Please keep an eye out on Tapestry for all the exciting things we have been getting up to, we really want to share them with you.

Home Learning

Attached we have provided some Home Learning ideas for you to complete with your child at home. All Home Learning is based around our theme 'What happens when we are sleeping?'.

Tapestry

If you have not yet set up your Tapestry account your activation link may have expired— please just ask us to send it again!

Water bottles and Snack

Please remember that your child needs to bring a named water bottle into school everyday. As you are aware our school policy is that the children should only drink water during lesson time so please refrain from adding juice to your child's bottle.

If your child does not have school snack please could you provide them with a piece of fruit or vegetables to enjoy at snack time.

Reading

Thank you so much for the great effort you put into reading at home last term! Reading is proving to be a great success and it is brilliant to see the children so keen to look at books. Please remember we are aiming for the children to read at home at least 3 times a week.

As the children are beginning to recognise more of the Phase 2 sounds, more of them may begin moving on to Pink books (with words). Please remember it is still just as important for them to talk about the story and understand what is going on, as it is to decode the words.

Outdoor Play

The weather is now turning very cold but in Reception this does not stop us from playing outside. As this is the case please can you ensure that your child has appropriate clothing in school everyday. It would be great if this includes a warm waterproof coat, a cosy hat, a pair of gloves, a scarf and a pair of wellington boots (to keep at school).

Don't forget to label these outdoor clothes with your child's name and class too.

PE

We are continuing with our weekly PE sessions. **Ruby class** will have PE on a Wednesday and **Pearl class** will have PE on a Thursday.

We will be completing our PE sessions outside where possible so please ensure your child has a warm PE kit in school (jogging bottoms and a jumper). Please label all items of your child's PE kit.

Cold Weather

The weather is now turning cold and in line with our schools current risk assessment we need to keep good ventilation in the classroom therefore we will continue to have our windows and one door open at all times. Please can you make sure your child has a jumper or cardigan in school everyday to keep them warm whilst in the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jones and Miss Reeve

Home Learning



For this half term's theme, please find examples below of additional learning that you can complete with your child at home. These are not 'compulsory' but will provide more opportunities for your child to explore the theme and share their learning with their friends. Please make sure you upload a photo/video to Tapestry for us to share with the rest of the class and add to your child's account. Also, please feel free to come up with your own activities for your child to complete!

Design transport

Can you design or build a form of transport to get to the moon?

Research

What can you find out about different planets and astronauts?

Junk Modelling

Can you make a model of a spacecraft?

What animals have you seen?

Talk to an adult about the different nocturnal animals you have seen or learnt about.

Make a habitat

Can you make a nocturnal animal's habitat?
What do animals need to survive?

Our important vocabulary this half term!

Can you practise it at home, we will update tapestry each time we learn a new word.

Singing

Can you sing some rhymes or share a story before bed?

Night

Dark

Day

Light

Asleep

Nocturnal

Diurnal

Planets

Moon

Stars

Sun

Dreams

Counting

Can you count the stars? Keep a tally of how many you can see.