

## Reception Newsletter.



We hope you have had a lovely half term break and we are looking forward to this upcoming term. Thank you to all of those who were able to help on the autumn walk. We will be doing a winter walk and activities in January/February.

### Curriculum and Learning



Our topic this half term is Conflict and we will be exploring castles. We will also be following the children's interests and some of the celebrations that occur around the world at this time of year including Bonfire Night and Christmas!

Our phonics teaching began last term and the children are making good progress. To ensure your child continues to make good progress, it is important that they share their books at home and that they practise any sounds that are sent home. If you are unclear of what is expected, then please talk to a member of staff.

In Reception we will be continuing to develop the children's personal characteristics particularly focusing on being curious and independent thinkers. Last term we focussed on participation and collaboration and we certainly have noticed how they have improved in both of these characteristics

The children are also going to be using junk modelling materials this term so any donations of small and large boxes and yoghurt pots would be gratefully received.

### Cooking

The children made some lovely biscuits for the Harvest Festival and to have in class and they really enjoyed following the recipe and eating the produce. If you forgot to make a voluntary contribution last half term, we are still accepting contributions to allow the children to do some Christmas cooking activities. Thank you

## Clothing

Please make sure that your child has **a spare set of clothes** in their bag including socks and pants. **We are very low on spare clothes so we will need to phone home if your child is wet/dirty and they don't have any.** Also please ensure that your child brings a coat **daily** to school (preferably waterproof) and has a pair of wellies that can stay here as we do use the outside area all year round.



## PE and Forest Frolics

On **Fridays** the children will have PE and forest frolics. It is **essential** that the children **come in to school in their school PE kit** on Fridays. The children will also spend time investigating and learning in our wooded area and exploring the pond. This will be in all weathers so please ensure that your child has a coat and welly boots in school. Although we do have wet weather clothes, it would be helpful if your child could bring in waterproof trousers to wear. **Please do not buy any if you do not have them.**

### Dates for your diary

- Our EYFS Christmas performances will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December (pm) and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December (pm). More details to follow!
- Last day of term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December
- PD day- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January
- Children return to school- Tuesday 7<sup>h</sup> January

We are looking forward to the term ahead.

The Reception Team