

PARENTS INFORMATION BOOKLET

Autumn Term 2 2018



Butterfly and Bumblebee
Class

A note from Mrs Hodgkinson and Miss McCay.....

Welcome to a new half term .The children are now well settled and this half term will be working in their new Maths and Literacy groups.

As the weather is now changing the children will need a warm coat and wellie boots for outside learning.

This is always a busy half term with lots going on around school. Please make sure you check your child's bags and notice boards in the classroom for letters of events.

Please ensure that children have their P.E. kit in school for both Tuesday and Thursday sessions. PE sessions are fun as well as developing excellent skills such as gross motor and listening skills. We do not want the children to miss out on this important part of the curriculum.

We hope that parents will be able to join us for our Stay and Play session on Friday 9th November at 1.20 until 2.50 this will include our celebration assembly. The session is focused on your child, they will be showing you around and celebrating the things they have learned, we hope you will enjoy participating in the activities we have planned for the afternoon. For this reason and because

of limited space we cannot always accommodate babies and toddlers, please see a member of staff if this is a problem.

The children in both Reception classes are now competing for the 'FOREVER THERE BEAR'. The class with the best attendance throughout the week is rewarded with having the bear to stay in their classroom for the week. See class notice board for results of weekly attendance.

We are still continuing to use our Early Essence programme to record the children's learning journey, please continue to log in to view your child's progress and add to their journey. We have attached new log in codes and details of the programme for new users

As ever if you have any questions do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks

The Reception Team

Some areas for development this term

In Literacy we will be continuing to develop the children's ability to sound out 3 and 4 letter words and begin to put these into a simple sentence. We will be revising already taught sounds and will also be teaching the children digraphs sh, th, ee, oo, ch. Some children will begin to be included in group reading sessions.

In maths we will be focusing on recognising, counting and ordering numbers to 10 or 20. We will be learning to recognise coins from 1p to 20p and use the words heavy and light to describe the weight of objects. The children will also learn about capacity and develop their language to be able to identify containers that are full, half full and empty. They will also investigate how much containers hold.

We will be continuing to focus on the children's ability to use a pencil with increasing control to enable them to form letters correctly.



Outline of the themes for this term

Our topic this half term is called 'Could it be Magic'. We will be looking at times of celebration such as Halloween and Bonfire Night, we will incorporate making spells and potions, making magical pictures based on what they have seen.

We will end the term by learning about the story of the first Christmas and learn about Christmas traditions. We will look at how families celebrate Christmas differently. The children will take part in a Christmas Nativity which I am sure you will look forward to.

How you can help your child?

We have been working on developing the children's independence and developing a 'Can Do' attitude. Please help us in continuing this idea at home by encouraging the children to have a go whenever possible, to keep trying even when they find something difficult. Praise your child for having a go and the effort they put in even if the outcome is not what you expected. It's amazing what children can achieve when they keep trying, practice skills independently and when their efforts are praised and rewarded.

The children will now have their personal targets please help them to achieve these by working towards them at home. These will be reviewed and new targets set in a few weeks.

Continue to encourage a passion for reading and books. Introduce the children to new vocabulary, make up a story, and ask questions. Most importantly let your child talk about the book.