



Reception Newsletter Spring 1 2022

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and had some well-earned rest. We are looking forward to a busy and happy term after the holidays. We have put together some useful information for the forthcoming term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of the Reception team.

Our topic this term is: 'Homes!'

We will be learning about where we live and how homes/houses differ. We will be looking at local animals and how they are the same/different to us. We will then look at different countries, the cultures and different religions. We will be looking at the books *Home*, *A house is a house for me* and lots of non-fiction books about homes, animals and religion.

Reading Books

We are continuing to introduce new letter sounds and ask you to keep up the good work practising them at home and applying them when sharing your child's reading book or library books – the children are making fantastic progress!

Library books will be changed on Fridays so please make sure book bags are in school on this day as we cannot send a new book without the old one being returned.

Please remember to make a short comment in your child's reading journal once they have read their book or practised their tricky words. It all counts towards gaining their star reader stickers and lets us know how your child is progressing with reading at home.

Clothing

Please can you make sure that all items of clothing, coats, hats, scarfs, gloves etc. are clearly named. Lost items can be found and returned so much easier when the name is clearly visible.

Wow Moments

These are an opportunity to share your children's achievements at home with your child's class teacher that we might otherwise not hear about. For example, if your child receives a swimming badge, this could be shared with school. Please upload to Evidence Me, the children love looking at themselves and their friends at carpet sessions.

Junk Modelling

Please save old boxes e.g. toothpaste, kitchen rolls, chocolate boxes, big boxes, etc and give them to your child's class teacher for small and large junk modelling.

Class Trays

Please remember to place any important information into the class trays in the morning. This should include letters to the teachers, responses to letters, Tricky Words/ Maths Challenges your child may need changing.

Where are we from?

In our Topic Sessions we will be learning about where our families are from. We will be looking at the different countries and finding out about the clothes, religions, culture and customs. We will send out a form in Week 3 to find out lots of interesting facts! Thanks in advance.

Growth

In March we are learning about growth and how to grow a range of plants, fruits and vegetables. If anyone has an allotment that we can visit or would like to come and talk to the children, please contact us.

Dates

4th/5th January a walk around the local area to see where we live- Keep an eye out for us!

8th February 50 Things Event- Making your own mark – Reception Garden, after school

Communication

Should you have any queries or suggestions, please let us know. We are available at the beginning and end of each day or for a longer conversation we will always arrange a time to talk. If you prefer, contact us by email

reception@saltaireps.co.uk

Thank you for your continuing support.