

**Homework:** Children will continue to take 'home loan' books to share with an adult. Please can Reception children read their books or sound cards to an adult daily and record a comment in their reading diaries. All of the children will be given a topic-related homework grid which the whole family can take part in. We would love to see some of their homework being shared on Tapestry.

**PE:** All children will take part in PE lessons. The Reception children are expected to at least bring their PE kit in by the end of our first week and leave it in school until half term. The kit should include a plain white or house colour t-shirt, navy / black shorts and plimsolls, which all need to be **clearly labelled**. The nursery children are expected to bring in plimsolls only and leave them in nursery.

#### **Additional information**

As the weather is very changeable we would ask that the children bring a coat to school each day please.

We are keen for all parents to sign up to Tapestry, our online learning journal which you can access at home and find out what your child has been learning at school. All we need is your permission and an email address. If you have not yet signed up to Tapestry and would like to, please speak to your child's teacher for a form.

If you wish to discuss anything with the Foundation Stage staff then please feel free to do so at the end of the day or you can make an appointment via the office.

If you require any guidance with routines for your child or behaviour support, we have parenting classes available in school. It is a great opportunity to meet with other parents and receive useful/practical advice. Please ask at the main office for more information.

## Foundation Stage Newsletter

**Autumn 2 Theme: Is it shiny? (Nursery)  
What happens when I fall asleep? (Reception)**



### **Autumn 2 Newsletter for Parents and Carers of Foundation Stage Children.**

Welcome back to all our children and families; we hope you all had a lovely half term break. This newsletter is to give you an overview of what your child will be covering this half term in Foundation Stage.

#### **Knowledge of the World**

As part of our topic, the children will be exploring light and dark. The children will be exploring which objects give us light and which objects do not give us light or simply reflect the light. We will look at the moon and stars, as well as how some animals are nocturnal and only come out at night to hunt.

We will also be looking at the Hindu festival of Diwali, listening to stories of Rama and Sita and creating Rangoli patterns.

### Literacy

The children will continue to write their names, mark make and give meanings to their marks. Older children will be using their phonics to write simple CVC words and label pictures. They will be looking at the story 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers (as well as other stories) as part of our Talk for Writing. Daily reading to and with your child will support your child's learning in school. We will be re-telling familiar stories, making story maps and looking at non-fiction books.

### Maths

The Nursery children will continue to become familiar with numbers 1-10, counting using 1:1 correspondence, solving problems practically, working with money in the areas of provision and recognising shapes, space and measures.

The Reception children will continue to work with numbers 1 to 20 using 1:1 correspondence to count, solve problems practically and begin to recognise money in the areas of provision. They will also be finding 'how many altogether?' when adding groups of objects.

Thank you to the parents who attended our Maths Stay & Play session. We hope you found it useful and have enjoyed playing the games over half term. We would love to see some pictures of you playing the games on Tapestry and any achievements by your child.

### Expressive art & design

The children will use the skills they are taught to mix paint and plan / make and review models within their own interests. We will be exploring watercolour paints to create the night sky, looking at famous art work such as 'Starry Night' by Van Gogh.

### PSED

This half term, we will continue to support children in managing their feelings and behaviour appropriately. Teachers will model taking turns, sharing and how to deal with conflict.

We will also be looking at our hopes and dreams for the future, asking questions such as 'What do you want to be or do when you grow up?'

We will follow this up as part of our play and interests.

### Physical

As well as taking part in PE sessions the children will have the opportunity to develop their gross and fine motor skills in a variety of ways both during inside and outside learning. Children will be learning a variety of dances, including Indian dancing as part of our Diwali celebrations.

To support your child with their physical development and independence, please can you help them to practise putting on their coats and fastening them at home.

### Attendance

Every school day is vital for your child's learning and development. Missing school or being late can have a negative impact on your child as they miss important steps/experiences within their learning. This half term, reception have tried really hard to be in school and on time each day, well done! Nursery, have also been trying hard to come in for each session. It is so important that we keep this up and that children do not have odd days off here and there. Children can win individual prizes based on keeping their attendance above 96%. We also have our weekly class attendance competition in achievement assemblies where Reception can win a trophy. We are aiming to win the best attendance for the year. So far we are drawing with another class. Come on we can do it!