



# Year R Newsletter

## Autumn 2 2021

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you back after half term. It is a very exciting half term in regards to the children's learning, as the children are fully settled into their classes and we are able to introduce more exciting and interesting weekly topics. We were extremely pleased with the progress the children made last term and have high expectations for this one.

### Notices

- Please ensure the children's PE kits are in school every Friday for their weekly PE lesson. The children enjoy taking home a reading book each Friday. As children become early readers themselves, they will begin to take home a book banded book, these can be changed during the week. We encourage all children to take part in reading activities at home to develop their phonic knowledge and fluency skills. You can access the Monster Phonics stories online via their eBooks website <https://monsterphonics.com/register/ebooks-whole-scheme/?ca=d7842eab46e96a288c116f99af031799>
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- If you have arranged for someone to collect your child not listed on the admission form, for safety reasons please ensure that you let us know in advance.
- We always need plenty of resources (both for junk modeling projects and role-play activities) and will happily take any boxes, lids, bits of fabric, beads, sequins, hats, bags, dressing up clothes and anything else from you and put it to good use!
- School uniform, PE kits, coats, hats, and scarves can be easily mislaid, so please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on each item. For safety reasons, earrings must be studs, not hoops.

### Attendance Percentages for Reception

The first few years are probably the most important education that your child will ever receive. All the building blocks for the rest of their education are started in these early years. As an Academy we have a very strict attendance policy with every child having an attendance target of 96.5%.

Robin: 96%

Wren: 96.7%

Target: 97.5%

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During this term the children are carrying on with developing their social skills, learning about their emotions and promoting kindness in the classroom and playground. This shall be achieved through the use of stories, class discussion and roleplay.

### Mathematics

This term the children are progressing from 0-10 to secure their counting, number recognition and ordering of the numbers 0-20. We will also be looking at comparisons in relation to size and ordering objects according to length, weight and height. We will continue with learning about 2D shapes as well as progressing on to 3D. The children will develop their number formation and start to solve problems independently.

### Expressive Arts and Design

This term we are starting with Heritage Week. This includes looking at and recreating traditional patterns from African and Indian countries. Both reception classes have role play areas in their classroom. In Wren class we have a Vet Surgery and in Robin class a Post Office. These areas are designed to develop the children's imaginative play.

### Communication and Language

We will continue to use talk partners as a way for the children to develop their speech and understanding. The children have the opportunity to do this during our daily morning carpet session, where we introduce the learning for the day. We use talk for writing to encourage the children to speak in full sentences to support their writing.

### Understanding the World

We shall be learning about the world, world festivals and celebrations this half term. This is a very interesting topic and we will be looking at the different religious celebrations along with UK traditions such as Bonfire Night. We will also be continuing to learn about the seasons leading into winter. We shall learn about winter animals, clothes and the Arctic. We will continue to encourage the children to talk about the models they have made in their free play.

### Through the window: Festivals & Celebrations

### Literacy

We are loving our Monster Phonics lessons! The children are continuing to learn their sounds and to segment and blend when reading and writing. We will also be encouraging the children to read ability appropriate reading books.

### Physical Development

We open up the outdoor area at 9.30am to allow children to move freely and use the range of available resources. We will be focussing on safety this half term when approaching new tasks and handling equipment. We will also be learning about healthy living including hygiene, healthy eating and exercise. Wrens and Robins PE will continue to be on a Friday. The children will be focussing on team games this term.

### Reception Team

#### **Robin Class**

Teacher: Mrs Carew (Phase Leader)

Teaching Assistant: Miss Sarah and Miss Clare

#### **Wren Class**

Teacher: Mrs Saftoiu

Teaching Assistant: Miss Jones