

Year R Newsletter

Terms 3 and 4



Reception team: Mr Luck, Mrs Perfect,
Miss Ramsden and Mrs Hancock

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your children had an enjoyable Christmas break. May we take this opportunity to thank you for the many wonderful gifts, cards and messages you gave to us for Christmas they were very much appreciated.

This term we warmly welcome our new teaching assistant, Miss Ramsden who will be based with RDL. We know that she will be a valuable part of our team.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Our Day:

8:50- Beginning of school
10:30-10.45 – Playtime
12:00 – Lunchtime
(Friday assembly is at 10:00)
3:10- End of school

Facebook:

It is so fantastic to have so many of you involved on Leo's Facebook page- it is updated daily in order to give you an insight into your child's day. If you would like to join the page, please search for 'Leo the Learning Lion' and request membership. Even if you don't use Facebook for anything else, it is a great way for you to see what is going on in Reception.

Home Learning:

You will find attached a sheet for Home Learning with a few suggested activities that your child may like to complete. These activities are optional and are intended to support the learning that we are doing in class. If your child completes any of these, please do send them into school to be shared and celebrated. They can be recorded in their Leo books or in any format you wish. Anything that is sent into school will be displayed.

Themes

Our theme for this term is 'Journeys' which has got off to a good start with linking it to the journey of the 3 Kings at Epiphany. As part of the project the children will be looking at and making their own maps. They will investigate different modes of transport and make their own vehicles using cereal boxes, cardboard tubes etc. If you have any materials that could be used for junk modelling it would be very helpful if you could send them into school. We will be asking the children to contribute their own ideas towards the planning of our theme (the curriculum web is included with this letter). If you feel that you would like to contribute any fresh ideas to our topic of Journeys please let us know, for example anybody who may work in the transport industry who would like to come and share their experience with us.

Equipment

With the onset of winter, many of the children are coming to school with hats, scarves and gloves. Please do ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly marked with their name. We will be using the outside area in Reception and around the school so it is important for children to have a showerproof hood or hat.

PE Kit

Please could you send your child in with a school PE kit which is available for purchase at the school office. Please could these be in school by Friday 20th January. The children will not need footwear as they will be indoors in line with our school PE policy. If your child has any foot infections, please would you let us know.

Chinese New Year

As part of exploring other cultures we will also be discovering how the Chinese New Year is celebrated and we will be processing around the village on Friday 27th January 2017 at 9:30am. You are more than welcome to come and watch as we walk round the village with the rest of Key Stage 1. We will send out more information nearer the time.