



# Reception Newsletter

## What a lovely first half term we have had!



### Personal Social and Emotional Development

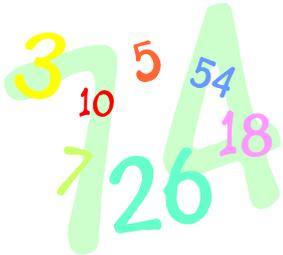
This half term the children have been focusing on making relationships with peers and adults. Next half term, they will be learning to work with a partner and in a larger team.

### Communication and Language

The children have been learning to maintain focus during activities. We have played fun games, such as 'Musical Statues' and 'Simon Says' to help with their listening skills. Next half term, we will focus on listening to others and recounting what they have said.

### Physical Development

We will be starting PE after half term. The children will do PE every Thursday afternoon. After half term, we will focus on moving in a variety of ways such as skipping, hopping and jumping. We will play games such as 'Jumping Bean' and 'Mr Men' to help them with this.



### Literacy

This half term the children have started the Read Write Inc. phonics programme and they are loving it! Each day we learn a new sound in a fun and innovative way. The sounds we have learnt are: m, a, s, d, t, i, n & p. To apply this learning, the children have been matching initial sounds to objects such as 'm' for mouse. Next half term, we will be learning new sounds and labelling pictures using the sounds we know.

### Maths

This half term the children have been learning how to count accurately. They have also been learning about 2d shapes and their properties. Next half term we will continue to develop and improve counting skills. We will also be learning to apply positional language such as 'behind,' 'under' and 'next to'.

### At home you may want to . . .

- Help children to improve their number recognition to 20. To extend this, you may ask them to write the numbers accurately.
- To develop counting skills in a creative and fun way, ask your child to count things around the house/outside. Maybe you could challenge your child to put out 5 place mats on the table or count how many conkers they have collected.
- Use the attached Read Write Inc. sound mat to help children with sound recognition and writing.
- Most importantly, have lots of fun!

### **FOREST SCHOOL**

**We will be starting Forest School on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, and every Friday after. You will be sent a letter in due course with more information about this. Please send in your child's named wellington boots, which can be kept in school.**

*"I love playing with my friends and learning new things at school" –  
Owls' Child*