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Reception Class Newsletter

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News

We have returned back from the Christmas break happy and eager to learn. Reception have had a busy start and have settled quickly back into the routine of the day. **It's really important that your child attends school every day as the foundation years at school are proven to set strong foundations for future learning and later educational success. As phonics starts promptly at 9 am please ensure the children arrive at school at 8.40 am.**

Phonics

The children are working hard during phonics and we have covered most of our set 1 sounds. Children now stream into ability groups and are making rapid progress. Please support your children at home and work on forming those letters too. Book bags need to come into school each day. New Fred Talk Videos are now available on our Phonics tab on the school website. <https://www.whistonwillis.co.uk/pupils/phonics-home-links/>

We still have a few places available on our Thursday morning Phonic/writing club so please ask a teacher if interested.

Literacy

We have really enjoyed our Literacy Tree Text, The Magic Paintbrush. The children have been challenged to think of items that the Magic Paintbrush could paint for the poor. They have also used their writing skill to build words and have a go at a short phrase or sentence.

Maths

This week in maths the children look at composition of numbers 5 and 6. We use five frames and familiar rhymes. We look how we can represent numbers using the Hungarian number pattern (Die pattern). We search for the 5-ness of 5.

UTW

The Children have enjoyed RE and we explore clothes from around the world. Stories, discussions and arts and crafts support the children's' learning. We are now hoping to gather items to allow the children to dress up and explore further. **We would be grateful for any donations such as Kilts, scarfs, flamenco outfits, hats or any other dress up from around the globe.**

PHSE

This term for our Jigsaw curriculum we start our topic, Healthy Me. The children categorise healthy foods and non-healthy foods and talk about healthy bodies, exercise and positive thoughts. We hope to complete the mile walk each week.

Art

The children have begun to explore the natural art and sculptures of Andy Goldsworthy. We begin to create using natural resources such as conkers, leaves, pine cones, twigs, flowers, and stones.

A copy of this terms learning can be found on the back!

Reminders

Please remember **snack is £1 a week**. This can be paid weekly or termly. Speak to a member of the reception team if you have any questions.

PE is now Monday

Please bring book bags in every day.

Please donate any old boxes or yoghurt pots and egg cartons for our junk model area!

To see all our latest learning and for school updates, please follow @MrsHalsall02 - @MrsHemnellWW and @miss Chiocchi on twitter.

Thank you for your continued support

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