

Harehills Primary School Parent's Newsletter

Reception in Autumn term...

This half term we will be focusing on our theme of "Ourselves, Our Families and the World Around Us". We will be talking about where we live and who we live with, the people that are important to us and what it is like starting school. We will also go on a trip to a park in November to explore the changes that happen in nature throughout Autumn.

After the half term holidays, we will be learning all about **foods and festivals**, we will be cooking and tasting our own foods. We will also be learning about how different cultures celebrate different festivals and the types of foods they eat during their celebrations.

Please regularly check the Parents Information Board, located outside the Reception cloakrooms, to find out about our weekly learning activities.

Literacy

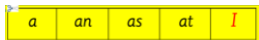
This term we will be focusing on the phase 2 phonics sounds.

s a t p / i n m d / g o c k / c k e u r / h b f l / ff ll ss / j v w x.

We will also be developing letter formation and your child will be taught how to write letters using the school's handwriting policy.

Please practise these sounds at home with your child and encourage them to write and recognise the first letter of their name as often as possible.

We will also begin sending out weekly homework this term your child will receive a reading book and a set sounds and words every week, please keep these safe and practise reading them daily.



Maths

We will be teaching the children about numbers 1-5 and what each number means. We will teach the children the importance of counting accurately. We will begin to introduce terms such as **add, take-away, count, more, less, doubling, halving and sharing, odd and even.** We will also be talking about shape and position using these key words:

on / under / next to / behind / in front of / flat round / square / rectangle / triangle and circle.

Tapestry

This year we are using a software called Tapestry which allows parents to see their child's learning at school. It also allows parents to send special moments into school from home.

Please ensure your class teacher has an email address and that you have signed the agreement so that we can activate your account. Check your emails to activate your accounts.



PSED

In PSED we will be talking about 'New Beginnings'. We will be using circle games to help the children build positive relationships and encouraging the children to recognise and follow daily routines.

We will also be talking about ourselves and our families and what makes us special.

We will learn all about good manners and how to use them, please practise these at home too.

Please remind your child that it is important to have safe hands and feet whilst at school.

Adults Working With Us...

Ashton 1: Mr Woolley & Mrs Denton

Ashton 2: Miss McKinney & Miss Smith

Ashton 3: Ms Lister & Mrs Liaqat

Other Adults : Mrs Bi, Miss Tomenson, Miss Lawrence, Mrs Akhtar, Mrs Blake

Our Family support mentor is Mrs Drysdale.

Our Assistant Head

for Early Years is

Miss Melling ☺

Dates for your diary:

Friday 21st October - school closes for half term break

Monday 1st November - School re-opens

Friday 16th December - school closes for end of term.

Tuesday 3rd January - School re-opens

Please make sure your child has spare clothes, a pair of wellies and a PE kit in school!

Please write your child's name in all their clothes