

# Reception Newsletter



## Happy New Year!

Hello and welcome to the Spring Term edition of our Reception Newsletter.

We had a very busy Autumn and learnt lots.

Our Nativity was a huge success. Thank you for coming to watch us perform it.

We hope that you had a peaceful Christmas and we wish you a wonderful new year.

## Winter

Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for the weather. The children have access to our outdoor provision everyday therefore they need a warm, waterproof coat, a hat, scarf and gloves.

Please ensure that they are clearly labelled with your child's name.

## Parents Evening

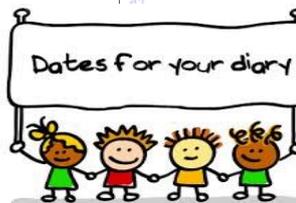
Thank you to all of the parents who attended parents evening. It was a great opportunity for us to discuss your child's progress and the children really do appreciate you coming into school to look at all their hard work. This term we will hold an open afternoon.

**Parents Open Evening is on Wednesday, 12th February 2020**

Last half term the children really enjoyed our 'Festivals and Celebrations' topic.

We learnt all about Birthdays, the Nativity and Christmas. The children really enjoyed learning new songs and acting in our play. We were very proud of them. We learnt about Hope, Love and Gentleness through the Nativity Story.

We showed Tolerance when learning about other cultures and we experienced Joy in all of our Christmas Celebrations!



## Home Reading

Well done to all of the children who have been reading their books at home.

Please remember to sign your child's reading diary and make any comments about your child's progress. You can let us know if there are any words or sounds that they have struggled with or if they found the book too easy. Books will only be changed if reading diaries have been signed.

**Reading together is really important. Please remember we expect children to read their reading books and words with you every night at home.**

Thank you for working with us to enable your child to reach their full potential.

**Book Bags need to be in school everyday. They are part of our school uniform.**



## PE Kits

PE takes place every **Wednesday**. There are still a number of children without a full PE kit. **Please make sure that a FULL PE kit is kept in school at all times. Label each item of clothing with your child's name.** We will send home PE kits at the end of every half term.



To reach Age Related Expectation at the end of Reception, children must be able to dress independently. That means changing clothes, fastening buttons and putting on socks and shoes. Many children cannot do this yet. Please practise these skills at home.

**Monday 13th January—Height and Weight check**

**Tuesday 14th January—Trip to St John's**

**Friday 17th January—Messy Church**

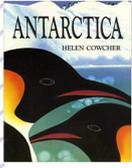
**Friday 24th January—Chinese New Year**

**Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day**

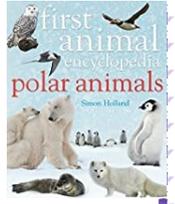
**TBC—Inspire Workshop**

**Wednesday 12th February—Open Evening**

**Friday, 14th February—Teaching Training Day—school closed for pupils**  
**Half Term week—17th—21st February 2020**



# We're Going on an Adventure



**Our topic this term is Adventure** We will be learning through stories and a variety of information texts. We will also be reading Big Books daily to allow the children to apply their phonic knowledge in context and continue to develop their love for reading.

In **phonics** the children will review phase 2 phonemes and continue to learn the phase 3 phonemes and digraphs. We have been segmenting and blending phonemes to read new words and we are now moving on to reading captions. The children will continue to practise the Phase 2 tricky words and learn the Phase 3 tricky words too. **Please continue to support us by reading these at home every night.**



In **Maths** we will continue to learn about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and use everyday language related to time. We will continue to find one more and one less using objects, order and recognise numbers up to 20 and estimate how many objects we can see. We will also begin to add two groups of objects together by counting all of them. Many of the children can now recognise numerals up to 10. We will continue to practise these and learn the numerals 10-20 this half term. We will be exploring money, capacity, weight, size and positional language.



**Our Christian Values underpin all that we do. The children will be taught our values in the following ways this half term:**

**Joy:** The children will learn through stories how Jesus gave joy to others by performing miracles. They will discuss the powers that Jesus had and how to some, he was a Superhero. The children will learn that joy is a feeling of inner happiness.

**Thankfulness:** The children will learn how to be thankful for our world. They will discuss all of the different ways we can show thanks and use them to make their world a better place.

**Respect:** The children will learn how to show respect to each other and to their environment. We will learn about the wider world and how we can look after it. Through stories we will learn how Jesus treated everybody with respect and how he taught others to be respectful.

**Tolerance:** The children will learn about acceptance and how to tolerate different feelings and beliefs. Through stories from the bible they will learn how Jesus showed tolerance and accepted everybody.

**Hope:** The children will learn about hope through stories and different activities. They will learn about having hope when things are hard through the 'SuperTato' stories.

**Gentleness:** The children will use what they already know about gentleness to care for their environment and the world around them. They will continue to follow our golden rule "We are gentle." They will also be taught how it is important to be gentle when playing 'Superhero' games.

**Friendship:** The children will learn about the friends of Jesus and what makes a good friend.