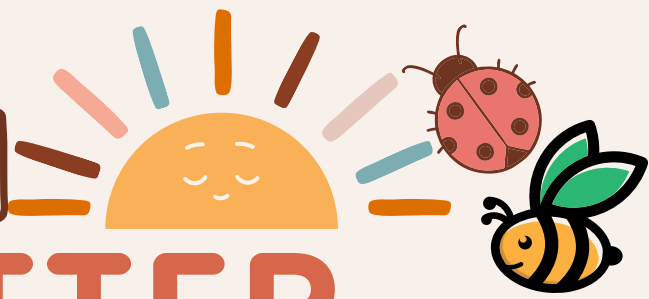




# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN 2



### Welcome to Autumn 2!

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,  
We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful half term holiday. It has been a busy and exciting first term of school for Reception. We have loved getting to know the children and have been very impressed with how quickly the children have settled and developed new relationships with staff and their peers. Autumn 2 is always a very exciting half term in school as we have lots of fun exploring our new topics and preparing for our Nativity in December. Our topics this half term are Celebrations and Space, which the children always thoroughly enjoy. This half term we will be reading stories including; 'Whatever Next' and 'Aliens Love Underpants' linked to our Space topic. We will be finding out what it is like in space and learning about the planets. Our role play area will be changing into a spaceship in the coming weeks! We will also be learning about the Christmas Story and enjoying various Christmas themed activities and crafts as part of our Christmas topic.



### Star of the Week

We are very excited to be starting Star of the Week this half term. Star of the Week time is always a special part of the Reception day and, as well as being very enjoyable, gives children the opportunity to develop their speaking and listening skills. Your child's date for Star of the Week will be posted onto Tapestry.

### Outdoor Learning

Please could we ask that all children have a named pair of wellington boots in school. Thank you to those of you who have already sent them into school. The outdoor environment forms a significant part of the Early Years Curriculum and we will be using our outdoor area whatever the weather!



### Dates for your diary

- 13.12.24 - Reception Christmas Show
- 18.12.24 - Reception trip to Northern Stage
- 19.12.24 - Reception Stay & Play session

## Reading in Reception



The children are already off to a flying start with their reading. Thank you so much for your support in listening to them read regularly and helping them to learn the sounds and tricky words in their sound books. Your help with this makes a big difference and we really appreciate your support. Book change days will stay the same for this half term (Sent home on a Thursday - Back in school on Monday).

If any parents/carers have any spare time and would like to volunteer to listen to children reading in school, we would be delighted to welcome you! Please speak to Miss Storey or Miss Elvin if this is something you feel you could support us with.

### Grace & Frankie

We have two new pets in Reception! We are very lucky and excited to have had two guinea pigs kindly donated to us. Grace and Frankie are both female guinea pigs and are settling very well into Reception life. They are very friendly (and hungry!) The children are learning lots about caring for animals and have been very understanding and caring when helping to settle them into their new home.



Thank you for your all of your support so far this term. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch either by catching us on the door at home time or ringing/emailing the school office, who will pass on your queries. With your continued support, I am sure that we will have another successful and exciting half term ahead of us.

Best Wishes,  
The Early Years Team