



Hilderthorpe Reception Newsletter

Autumn Two



This Half Term

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break, we are very excited for the half term ahead!

This half term our topic is 'Let's celebrate!'

We love to read and share books every day. We will be exploring language rich, exciting texts with the children such as The Gruffalo, Stickman, Goldilocks and The Three Bears as well as many Christmas themed texts and books to celebrate the festival of Diwali. If you have any resources that you feel will enhance our learning, please let your class teacher know.

We will be spending time enjoying sharing and exploring a new book each week. We will discuss key facts about books including who the author is, the way we handle books and having conversations about the text- encouraging children to make observations and discuss opinions. Your child is also now bringing home a book of their choice from the school library for you to share with them at home.

Children will continue to develop and make progress in their early literacy skills through our daily phonics sessions using our scheme- Read Write Inc. You can find more information about our phonics programme at www.ruthmiskin.com/en/ and click on the parents tab, here you will find lots of useful information on how you can support your child's learning at home. Please practise speed sounds daily using the little green sound book in your child's book bag.

We will be continuing to develop our maths skills using Maths No Problem and Mastering Number. These are fun and exciting ways of learning which include lots of stories and hands-on activities. This half term we are thinking about time- sequencing events and exploring the language of time. We will also be continuing to develop our knowledge of numbers to five- understanding their value, reading them and writing them. Later on in the half term we will explore shapes and positional language (such as- underneath, on top, next to, behind etc.)

Term Dates

School closes for Christmas holidays- Thursday 19th of December at 3.20pm 2024
School reopens on Monday 6th January 2025

Warm and named clothing

We like to spend time learning outdoors and access our outdoor environment in all weathers. Please can children ensure they have a set of spare clothes, a waterproof coat and a pair of named wellies.

Reading at home

Please share stories with your child and read their school reading book with them at least 3 times a week. Your child will also bring home QR codes for their Read Write inc. phonics sounds of the week- these can be

Please name any hats and gloves, along with any other clothing to ensure things do not get lost.

recorded in reading records too- they all add to the Dojo points!

As always our classroom doors are always open to you and we are always available to talk should you have any issues or questions.

Reminders

- PE day will remain on a Monday for Autumn 2
- Book bags should be in school every day to allow reading and changing as required, thank you.

