

Reception Newsletter Autumn 2



What are we going to be learning?

Our theme this term will be 'Winter Lights'. Some of our texts will focus on nocturnal animals, such as 'Owl Babies', 'A New House For Mouse' and non-fiction texts linked to bats and owls. We will also be reading poetry linked to fireworks and nocturnal animals.

Tapestry

Thank you to all the parents that are contributing to Tapestry; it is so nice to see all the lovely things your child is doing at home. If you are still not able to access your account or need some support accessing the app, please see a member of the EYFS team.

Parent Reading morning

Now that the children have fully settled, every Friday, from 8.45 until 9.00, you are all welcome to come into class and share a book with your child. This will commence on **Friday 22nd November**. This will be happening every week, so please come and join us; the more the merrier!

Reading books

Just a reminder that we will be changing children's books every Friday. Every child will be familiar with their text as they will have read it in school 3 times and with daily reading practise with you, they will begin to read the book fluently.

Please make sure you are leaving a comment in your child's learning journal, so we know they are being read with at home. We will continue to provide a story book for you to enjoy reading with your child too. **It is vital all books are returned weekly in the condition they were received.** We have provided a plastic zip wallet in every child's book bag; this is to prevent water damage to books. Please make sure their Little Wandle reading book and learning Journal is kept in the plastic wallet.

Wordless books

Some children may receive wordless books. These books will have no words, just pictures. Wordless books are invaluable as they teach reading behaviours and early reading skills to children who are not yet blending.

- Talk to your child about what they can see in the pictures.
- Point to the images in the circles and find them on the page.
- Encourage your child to make links from the book to their own experiences.

Phonics meeting

We will be holding a phonics meeting for parents on **Friday 15th November 9:00-9:30** in the upper hall. By attending this meeting, you will gain an understanding of how phonics is taught in Reception and how it is used to support their reading and writing development. You will also be given help on how to support your child at home with their phonics.

Other Notices

Now that the weather is changing, please make sure your child wears a **suitable coat** to school; the children will be outside come rain or shine! Every child also requires their personal **water bottle** that they must bring in every day.

And finally...

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please phone to make an appointment or leave a message on Tapestry.

Thank you for your support!