Reception Newsletter
Autumn 2



What are we going to be learning?
Our theme this term will be 'Winter Lights'. We will be exploring the sights and sounds of winter, including fireworks, lights and nocturnal animals. 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 who have been contributing to Tapestry; it's so lovely to see all the wonderful things your child is doing at home. If you're still unable to access your account or need support using the app, please speak to a member of the EYFS team.

Parent Reading morning
Now that the children have fully settled, we would like to invite you to join us every Friday from 8:45–9:00 a.m. for our Parent Reading Morning. You are welcome to come into class and share a book with your child. This will begin on **Friday 13th November** and will take place each week thereafter — the more the merrier!

Reading books
We will be changing children's books every **Friday**, so please make sure your child brings their book bag with last week's books ready to be exchanged. Every child will be familiar with their Little Wandle reading book, as they will have read it in school 3 times and with daily reading practice with you, they will begin to read the book fluently. Please make sure to **leave a comment** in your child's reading journal so we know you are reading together at home. We will also continue to provide a storybook for you to enjoy reading with your child.

It is vital that all books are returned each week in the same condition they were received. Each child has been provided with a plastic zip wallet in their book bag to help prevent water damage. Please ensure that both their Little Wandle reading book and learning journal are kept inside the wallet.

Colder weather
Now that the weather is changing, please ensure your child wears a suitable coat to school. The children will be outside come rain or shine! If your child is not yet able to put on their own coat and zip it up, now is a great time to practise at home. Part of our curriculum focuses on children developing independence in dressing and undressing, including being able to zip up their coats on their own.

PE and Forest School
Starting the week beginning 9th November, the children will be taking part in either Forest School or PE. For this term, **RHT will be going to Forest School** and **RJTS will be doing PE**. The classes will then swap after the winter break.

If you wish to send in wellies or a wetsuit for your child to use during Forest School, that would be great, but we have plenty here too! For PE, your child will **not** need a PE kit, as they will be doing PE in their school uniform.

Other Notices/Dates for the diary
- Friday reading mornings will commence on Friday 13th November
- Phonics live session 27th November 8:55- 9:20
- Christmas stay and play Monday 16th December 9.15-10.30

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!