

# Reception Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! We hope that you have all had a lovely break, and that your child is back and ready to learn.

**There were a few changes in staffing last term so this is our new Reception Team.**

Ms Bibby - class teacher

Miss Laraine - LSA

Miss Ellie - TA

Please note, in Reception, we run an open door policy, so there will always be one of the team around at the start of the day (08:20am), or at the end of the day (2:40pm), if you have any questions or concerns.

Remember, you must bring your child in through the appropriate entrance from Clyde Street - not through the school, or via the nursery gate. Thank you.

## What we will be learning this term

This term our topics are 'Traditional Tales' and 'Growing'. As well as the classic tales, (Gingerbread Man and 3 Billy Goats Gruff etc) we will be looking at the books of Julia Donaldson - 'The Gruffalo', Stick Man etc. We have got off to a brilliant start with this week's visit to the Discover Centre in Stratford where we got to explore lots of the different worlds inside her books.

In addition to learning through play and independent exploration, in both the inside and outside learning spaces, the children will be focusing on counting forwards and backwards to 20 and beyond, and learning to order things by size from smallest to largest or tallest. In phonics we are continuing to learn our sounds and blend these across from left to right, to read words for ourselves.

We will also be spotting rhyming patterns such as cat / mat / sat and zog / dog / frog etc. Please practise these with your child!



## Home learning

We will be working very hard this term and your support at home is **extremely important**. You can help your child by sharing books with them every night, and by logging on to Bug Club where there are lots of books online that your child can read to you using the sounds we have been learning in phonics! Please ask if you have lost your log in details!

Some children are still finding it difficult to form the letters in their name correctly. **Please use the resources you were given in October to help them with this.**

Thank you for your support. It is greatly appreciated and will make all the difference to your child's progress.



## Family reading / Library

We are now back to normal, so please join us from 08:30 to 09:00 on Fridays where you can share a book with your child in class. We also visit the library every other Thursday so do come along and join us!

**P.E.** Reception now have P.E. time in the hall on **Thursday mornings so they will need to come into school in their P.E. kit on these days.** After PE, they get changed into their uniform. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and that they are wearing shoes that they can get on and off themselves!

## Attendance and punctuality

Children need to be in school every day and on time, as this is strictly monitored throughout the school. **Please collect children promptly at 2:40pm.** If someone other than yourself is going to pick up your child, please let the class teacher or TA and the office know beforehand. **If staff do not recognise the adult picking the child up, they will not be able to allow them to collect them.** Also if you are running late, please call and inform the office. You need to be aware that if you are late collecting your child, you will be asked to sign the late book and asked to pay a £5 late collection

## Dates for your diary

- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** - Visit to Discover Centre, Stratford
- **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** - Reception class assembly - 'The Gruffalo'
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - Chinese New Year Celebration / Winter Ball

**HALF TERM Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - Target Setting Evenings.
- **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - Easter Egg Hunt and End of Term

*Please be reminded that your child may take part in local visits, short walks and day trips which occur from time to time during the school year. Children will always be fully supervised by adults during this time and this is included in our application form which parents have signed.*

## **NO PHONES**

Don't forget, the use of mobile phones is not allowed on school premises. Please work with us and respect this procedure. It is for the safety of our children.

