

**What we are Learning in Reception this Half Term**

**November - December 2021**

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| **Title: How marvellous is our world?** | **Key Vocabulary** |
| **Literacy**   * Read and write your name * Read and write a list of animals eg cat dog bat duck hen * Read and write a simple sentence | Phoneme  Grapheme  Full stop  Capital letter  Sentence |
| **Maths**   * Compare 2 groups * Recite numbers to 10 and beyond * Separate a group of up to 5 objects in different ways * Name some common shapes | More/fewer  Count  Partition  Circle, square, rectangle and triangle |
| Light a candle to remember someone | The Church of England**RE**   * Welcome - Baptism: a welcome to God’s family * Other Faiths – Judaism: the story of Hanukkah * Birthdays - Advent: looking forward to Christmas, the birthday of Jesus | baptism  Hanukkah  menorah  Advent  Christmas |
| **PE**   * Fundamental movement – developing the skills of balancing, running, hopping, jumping, travelling and changing direction | balance  run  hop  jump |
| **Understanding the world –**  • Find out about people who help us  • Research and talk about animals  • Explore how we know it is Autumn  • Explore how some objects float and sink | Emergency services  Tail, paws, claws  Seasons Autumn  Float and sink |
| **PSED -**   * Brushing Buddies - Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing and manage their own needs.   **RSHE**   * Let’s Get Real - actions have consequences; when we make mistakes, we should say sorry and ask for forgiveness * Growing Up - exploring the human life-cycle | toothbrush  toothpaste  choices  sorry/forgive  baby – adult – child – teenager- adult - elderly |
| **Music**   * Listening to: Moonlight Sonata (Beethoven) * Singing the melodic shape in a range of Christmas songs * Playing percussion instruments slowly and quietly, to match the music being listened to | quiet  slow  stop/go |

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| **Year Reception Diary Dates** | |
| Reading workshop | TBC |
| Visit from Community Officer | 19th November |
| Visit from the Library service | 22nd November |
| Christmas sing along | 10th December -Times TBC |

**Reading**

It is important that your child reads at home for **5-10 minutes every night**. Please write in the reading dairy when you have listened to your child read. The more children read at home the faster they will progress. Children will bring home a ‘Big Cat’ reading book every Wednesday after getting familiar with it with Mrs Harrison. For the reading system to work, it is crucial that the children then read with parents at home and be able to read the book fluently.



**Toothbrush Buddies**

It is really important to make sure that children look after their teeth by brushing their teeth and eating a healthy diet. Poor dental hygiene can lead to tooth decay that effects the ability to talk properly. We will be taking part in the ‘Toothbrush Buddies’ scheme so please tell us if you **do not** want your child to take part.

**Reception Expectations for Phonics**

**this Half Term:**

* Read and write cvc words eg. ring duck.
* Begin to form letters correctly.
* Read a simple caption using the phonemes we have covered.
* Read some ‘Tricky words’ automatically.
* Hold a pencil correctly.

***Please work with your child on the weekly phonic homework. This will consolidate work done in school.***