

# Reception Newsletter, Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers of Reception Children, welcome to Term 2 in Reception!

## Morning routine.

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to all of you for supporting the children in their morning activities and encouraging them to become independent at putting their names on the class number line. The next step is to help the children become independent in choosing their lunch each day. Please could you support your child to find their name card and choose their lunch by placing their name in one of the 'lunch' boxes. The children can then self-register and go to their morning activity as usual. If you have any questions please do come and see me.

## Year 1: Our learning this term!

### Enquiry:

Our line of enquiry for this term will be 'Why do some animals hibernate?' The children will research animals that hibernate and explore how they adapt to their environment. The children will have an opportunity to visit the local woods looking out for tracks or animal burrows. They will create an animal home with a partner using the natural materials.

Other activities this term will include: Making a kebab out of natural materials. Santa lists and letters.

We will also be exploring the seasons Autumn and Winter and will be performing the Nativity with Elm Class.

### Maths:

Maths this term will focus on combining two groups, ordering objects by size and weight and looking at 3D shapes.



### Literacy:

Literacy activities this term will focus around another of our favourite stories 'The Gruffalo's Child' by Julia Donaldson. The children will be creating a role-play area, considering what he might like in his home.

We will also continue teaching Letters and Sounds carrying on with phase 2 and then phase 3 sounds. This will involve blending

### Key Dates:

- Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November INSET day – school closed.
- Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am-10.15 Reception and Y1 Christmas cake bake.
- Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45am Nursery and Reception Nativity performance.
- Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December – Term 2 ends.
- Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January INSET day – school closed. Children return to school on 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

