Reception Newsletter

**Congratulations!** The children have come to the end of their first half term in Reception! It’s been very busy but we’ve had lots of fun ☺

**Self-help skills**

Please encourage children’s independence where possible. Coats, toileting, dressing themselves, meal times. The children are doing really well with this. Keep up the hard work!

**Library Books**

We will be visiting the library on TUESDAY mornings. All library books must be returned on this day.

**REMEMBER!** Check Tiny Tracker for regular observations and updates!

We have finished our Autumn topic. The children have been looking at how the seasons change and what we see around us. We learnt what ‘nocturnal’ means and about animals that hibernate for the winter.

**Reading Books**

All children will be bringing home a reading book next half term. We encourage children to read *every night*. Re-reading the same book is key when supporting children’s development. They need to be able to decode and read the words, but also answer comprehension questions about the text.

Children will only be sent one book per week. They will have a reading record which you can fill out with any relevant comments.

Homework

* Keep practising how to write your name independently. Look carefully at the letters and try to write these correctly. Use the letter formation rhymes to help you!
* Keep practising the sounds we have learnt - reading them and writing them. There’s lots of games you can play and apps on the tablet to help.
* Read our regular ‘tricky’ words – the, I, no, go, to (There are flashcards attached)

Our next topic is Winter Festivals. Please check the school website for our half term plan and curriculum info



Sounds we have learnt so far:

s / a / t / p / i / n / m / d / g / o / c / k

The children have started learning Phase 2 Phonics. If you need any support with this or further information, please take a look at the presentation on our school web page or speak to a member of staff at the door.