# Spring 1 Reception Newsletter

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Welcome back to Spring Term 1. We hope that you had a fantastic break.

# <u>Topic</u>

This term our topic will be '**Space**.' We have begun to look at the solar system and talk about what we see and might find in space. Over the coming weeks we will be doing a study on different **planets** and discussing the sun and the moon phases. We will be looking at the differences between our 'day sky' and our 'night sky,' and discussing the differences between the seasons.

It would be great if you could start asking your child questions about space and the planets and see how their knowledge grows throughout the term. Don't forget to write these 'quotes' on a *WOW sheet* and bring them in! ©

## Tricky words

We have sent home the next list of tricky words home. Keep playing games and practising reading and writing these, as these are words they can't sound out- they just have to know them.

## Writing at Home

It would be beneficial for your children to be writing at home. Encourage them to stretch out their words as they write. Perhaps they could help you write a shopping list, or write some space facts down and bring them in. Please see your child's class teacher, for more ideas, if



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you need some help. 😊

## Reading



Well done to everyone who is reading with their child every night. Please make sure that you sign each time you read with your child. This helps us know that your child is reading. If you would like more information about how you can help your child with their reading at home or how we teach reading in school please feel free to ask one of the teachers at the end of the day.

### **Phonics**

This term we will be introducing phase 3 digraphs letters/sounds, we will continue to revise phase 2 letters/sounds and tricky words. Please continue to revise these across the term and speak to your child's teacher about their targets.

#### Maths

This term we are learning about the composition of 6,7 and 8. We will be continuing to add two groups of objects together to find the total, and attempt to write number sentences to match.  $\bigstar$ We will be exploring height, length and time. In the second half of the term we will be learning about the composition of 9 and 10 and will continue to explore partitioning, using the wholepart model.

## PE

PE will be on a Mondays. Please bring your child to school wearing their PE kit - black/grey tracksuit bottoms/ shorts and a white polo t-shirt.

## Spare Clothes

Reminder- Please make sure your child has a spare change of clothes, we have a limited amount of spares clothes available especially, underwear and socks. If possible please provide wipes and a plastic bag in their school bag.

#### Donations

We are always after bits and pieces from your home that we can do junk modelling with. We love getting cardboard rolls, boxes, yoghurt tubs, lids, bottle caps, or any old pieces of

material.



Thank you for your continued support. Reception Team! 😳

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Dear Parents/Carers.

Part of our plan as a school this year has been to develop home reading, where we have invested in new home reading books.

Unfortunately, we are finding that a lot of our books are coming back to school either damaged, scribbled in or have been lost altogether.

Please look after home reading books. The tightening of school budgets means we are not able to constantly replace damaged or missing books.

Therefore, you will be asked for a £5 contribution towards a new book (not the full cost) if books come back to school damaged.

With thanks,

Jaime Long

Deputy Head Teacher.