

Reception Autumn Term 2 2024

Curriculum letter



Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope everyone has had a super half term break and is rested; ready for a very busy half term leading up to Christmas. We start this half term with a focus on Bonfire Night and about the importance of Remembrance Day. The children will be thinking about Autumn and going on an autumn walk. We will also be learning about our senses. The children will take part in different activities around using their senses; from working out what is in the smelling pot, to taste testing and completing activities blind folded!

The children will also be learning all about the 'People who help us', including the roles of the police, fire service, doctors and nurses and dentists as well as other people who help them. If you feel your job or experience suits this topic and you are happy to come into school and talk to the class about your job or experiences, please let me know and we can arrange a suitable time.

Then we will be learning all about Christmas and enjoying the festivities that go along with it. We will be learning songs for the Nativity, making Christmas crafts and learning about the story of Christmas.

This half term I will introduce 'Learnology – thinking about how we learn' to your child. It is all about the learning skills and what makes a good learner. There are five learning heroes; Reggie Relationship, Rosie Ready, Richard Resilient, Ronnie Resourceful and Rachel Reflective. They all have their own special learning powers. Each week our Learning Hero in class will need to demonstrate the power that we have been learning about. They will be rewarded with 25 house points, receive a special postcard and have juice and biscuits with Mr Timms. Our Learning Hero for this half term is Reggie Relationships. His learning powers include being a good listener and thinking about what is being said, being a good team player, being an independent learner and understanding other people's feelings.

For information about the learning which is taking place in the classroom remember to check the Reception page on the school website and keep an eye out for any SeeSaw updates.

<https://www.benrhydding.ngfl.ac.uk/reception/>

On the website you will find a summary of what has happened each week, including details about the activities going on as well as the learning which has taken place in literacy, maths, PE etc. Please continue to share any WOW moments your child has with us; you can either fill in a WOW form or email Miss Alston.

Please continue to check your child's hair for head lice / eggs and treat regularly. It is helpful if you could let a member of staff know if your child has had head lice. We can then send a Ping out asking all parents to check children's hair.

Remember if your child becomes ill, please ring the school office to inform us of their absence. If your child is suffering from sickness or diarrhoea, they need to be off school for 48 hours, from the last episode of sickness. We can only give medication which has been prescribed by the Doctor and you will need to fill out a consent form for this. If your child has an appointment, for example a medical appointment, please go to the school office and fill out a form to notify the school of the absence.

Also, discourage your child from bringing toys to school as they can become lost or broken. 'Show and Tell' continues this half term with Aire starting on Friday 15th November followed by Nidd, Swale and then Wharfe. Information is on the website.

Please make sure all items of clothing are named, including hats, scarves and gloves. Items which are named usually find their way back to the Early Years team and we can then return them to you or your child. As the weather is turning colder, please can you make sure your child is suitably dressed for this as we go outside in all weathers including rain, wind and snow!

Reading books home will be sent home today. Please return the book the following Friday with the yellow reading diary in their book bag. Please make any comments about how your child did in the diary. Books will be changed each Friday.

Stay and Play starts this half term with the first session being on Tuesday 12th November and then Monday 25th November and Thursday 12th December from 9am to 10am.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know and we will try to help the best we can. I'm available before and after school, generally after school is better as there is usually more time. You can telephone / email the office, and they will pass on your messages. Or you can email me directly.

Thank you,
Miss. L. Alston

Dates for Diaries

Show and Tell: Friday 15th November – Aire, Friday 22nd November – Nidd, Friday 29th November – Swale and Friday 6th December.

Parents Evenings – Tuesday 12th November and Thursday 14th November

House Art Day – Tuesday 26th November

Parent Workshops – Thursday 28th November

PTA Disco – Tuesday 3rd December

Christmas Fair – Sunday 8th December

Visit to Methodist Church – Tuesday 10th December

Nativity Performances – Thursday 12th December (5:30pm) and Friday 13th December (9am)

Christmas Party – Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day – Wednesday 18th December