

Harehills Primary School Parent's Newsletter

Reception in Autumn term...

This half term we will be focusing on our theme of "Ourselves, Our Families and the World Around Us". We will be talking about where we live and who we live with, the people that are important to us and what it is like starting school. We will also go on a trip to Roundhay Park to explore the changes that happen in nature throughout Autumn.

After the half term holidays, we will be learning all about **foods and festivals**, we will be cooking, tasting and even planting our own foods. We will also be learning about how different cultures celebrate different festivals and the types of foods they eat during their celebrations.

Please regularly check the Parents Information Board, located outside the Ashton 1 and 2 cloakroom, to find out about our weekly learning activities.

Literacy

This term we will be focusing on the phase 2 phonics sounds.

s a t p / i n m d / g o c k / c k e u r / h b f l / ff ll ss / j v w x.

We will also be developing letter formation and your child will be taught how to write letters using the school's handwriting policy.

Please practise these sounds at home with your child and encourage them to write their name as often as possible. Use a capital letter for the first letter in their name and lower case letters for the rest.

We will also begin sending out weekly homework this term your child will receive a reading book and a set of 5 new words every week, please keep these safe and practise reading them daily.



Maths

We will be teaching the children about numbers and what each number means. We will teach the children the importance of counting accurately.

We will begin to introduce terms such as **add, take-away, count, more, less, doubling, halving and sharing.**

We will also be talking about shape and position using these key words:

on / under / next to / behind / in front of / flat round / square / rectangle / triangle and circle.

Tapestry

This year we are using a software called Tapestry which allows parents to see their child's learning at school. It also allows parents to send special moments into school from home.

Please ensure your class teacher has an email address and that you have signed the agreement so that we can activate your account



PSED

In PSED we will be talking about 'New Beginnings'. We will be using circle games to help the children build positive relationships and encouraging the children to recognise and follow daily routines.

We will also be talking about ourselves and our families and what makes us special.

We will learn all about good manners and how to use them, please practise these at home too.

Please remind your child that it is important to have safe hands and feet whilst at school.

Adults Working With Us...

Ashton 1: **Miss Trafford** & Mrs Yasin

Ashton 2: **Miss Melling**, Mrs Denton

Ashton 3: **Mrs Caldwell**, **Mrs McGuire**, Mrs Berroum

Other Adults in F2: Mrs Bi, Miss Wallayat and Miss Lawrence

Our Family support mentor is Mrs Drysdale.

Our Assistant Head

for Early Years is

Miss Pallas ☺

Dates for your diary:

Friday 25th October - School is closed to pupils

Monday 4th November - School starts

Please make sure your child has a pair of wellies and a PE kit in school!