



Cannon Lane Primary School



Reception Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the children's first term at Cannon Lane Primary School. The children have adapted very well to classroom routines and are very comfortable in the school environment. We can already see the progress the children are making, especially with the social skills and relationships with others. The recent success of the Nativity production has certainly been a highlight of the term.

Nativity Production

We would really like to celebrate the achievement of the Reception children in performing the Nativity story so wonderfully for us all. Not only did they show amazing skill in learning their lines, the children displayed high levels of confidence and enjoyment throughout. They were also remarkably resilient in performing a dress rehearsal and two shows as well as the many practices they undertook. We are all so proud of each and everyone one of them.



Guided Reading

The Reception children are all making good progress on using their phonic knowledge to begin to read. Each child reads at least once a week with their class teacher. Guided reading is done in a small group of no more than 6 children at a time, all of whom are at a similar level in reading. The session lasts about 15-20 minutes and usually follows the same structure:

- Introduce the book including talking about the cover and predicting what will happen
- Explain the learning today for example which tricky word they will be learning to read
- Talk about the pictures and what the children can deduct from the pictures
- Use fingers to point to each word as they read it
- Blend sounds together to read words
- Say what they liked/didn't like about the book

Each child reads at least one page so support is tailored for the individual child. The teacher makes notes so they can follow-up any areas for development next time.



Next Term

In Literacy next term we will be studying Traditional Tales. The children will be exploring characters, settings and plotlines. We will be teaching the children to orally retell the stories. Please help at home by encouraging children to make up and tell their own stories starting with 'Once upon a time'.

In Maths we will be focusing more on problem solving using addition and subtraction. The children will be using concrete objects to support their learning in maths. We will also be learning about comparing height, weight and length of a range of real objects.



Spring Workshops

Maths

All parents of Reception children are very welcome to attend a workshop on Maths that will be held on Wednesday 20th January at 2pm and repeated again at 6pm. This session will aim to present the Early Years Maths curriculum and give you ideas on how to support your child's learning at home.

Personal Social & Emotional Development & Characteristics of Effective Learning

There will also be a workshop on Personal, Social and Emotional Development and the Characteristics of Effective Learning on Wednesday 24th February at 2pm and repeated again at 6pm.



Forthcoming events

Friends of Cannon Lane Christmas Disco Friday 11th December at 4.00pm until 5.15pm

All Reception children are welcome to attend.

If your child is attending the Fun Development Basketball club after school on Friday, please send their disco clothes in a labelled bag and the Reception team will get them changed just before the start of the disco.

Pantomime Tuesday 15th December

The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will be treated to a performance of Pinocchio in the afternoon of the 15th.



On behalf of all the Reception staff, I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Please feel free to come and see me if there is anything I can support you with.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rea, Assistant Headteacher for Early Years Foundation Stage

Last day of term is Friday 18th December. Please note the early finish time of 2.40pm on the last day.

Children will return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

