

Reception Newsletter Autumn 2

What an amazing first half-term we have had in Reception! The children have settled in brilliantly and have impressed me with their hard work, determination and enthusiasm in all that they do – what a great start!

Our topic this half-term is:
Fantastic Fossils!



During this topic, we will delve deep into all things dinosaurs! We will learn that dinosaurs are now extinct but lived on planet Earth a long, long time ago. We will find out about some of the different types of dinosaurs, and distinguish between herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We will also think about what it would have been like to live amongst dinosaurs, and how different the world is now!

If you would like to take part in our topic at home, you could:

- Draw or paint a picture of your favourite dinosaur.
- Design your own dinosaur using 2D shapes – use circles, triangles, rectangles and squares.
- Make up and record your own dinosaur story.



Remember, you can bring in any creations or add photos and videos onto your child's Seesaw account. If you have any books about dinosaurs that you would like to share with the class, please feel free to bring these in.



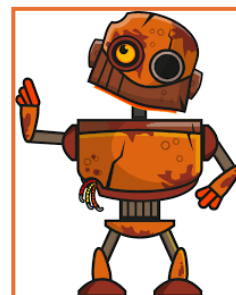
Home Reading & Boom Reader

Beginning this half term, children will start bringing home books that they can read using their phonics knowledge – this will be based on their ability. It is so important that your child reads every night to ensure that their phonic knowledge is being put into practice, allowing it to embed in their memory. There may be some days where children will not change their

books – on these days, they will re-read a book they are familiar with. This is deliberate as it allows repetition and encourages fluency, so please encourage your child to read and be enthusiastic about their book, whether they have a new book or a book they have read before! Your child will also continue to bring home story books and any new sounds they have learnt. You have all been so fantastic at using Boom Reader to record your child's reading so please keep it up!

Numbots

Reception have shown brilliant enthusiasm towards Numbots, and it is great to see so much home participation – so much so that Reception's efforts are being recognised in Celebration Assemblies. We won the class trophy three times last half term! Keep up the great work!



Outdoor Learning Day

We will continue to have our Outdoor Learning Day every **Tuesday**. Please could I ask that as the weather gets colder, you ensure children are wearing layers - bringing hats, scarves and gloves in order to ensure they are warm, as we will be spending all day outside. In order to prevent these getting lost, please label these with your child's name.

PE

We will begin our formal PE sessions this half term, with our first focus being **Gymnastics**. Reception's PE day will be a **Monday**, and this will start from the first day back. Although our PE sessions will be taking place indoors, we will still spend lots of time in continuous provision and activities outdoors on these days, so please ensure that children wear appropriate kit for the weather. To confirm, on a Monday children should come to school in PE kit and on a Tuesday in their forest school clothes.

Dates to remember:

Tuesday 11th November – A short Remembrance Service at 10:45am. Parents Invited.

Friday 14th November – Reception Showcase in Celebration Assembly.

Monday 24th November – Reception Christmas Crafternoon. Parents Invited.

Thursday 27th November – Reception Santa trip to MESC. Please see letter sent out last half-term.

Friday 28th November – Whole school disco (4:30pm-6pm)

Tuesday 9th December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity Performances (10:30am and 5:30pm).

More information for follow.

Friday 12th December – Nativity song for Showcase in Celebration Assembly.

Friday 12th December – Santa Run (2:30pm). More information to follow.

Tuesday 16th December – Young Hopeful Pudding and Bingo Evening (6pm). All welcome!

I am really looking forward to continuing our Kingstone journey together and can't wait to get started with this festive half-term!

Thanks as always for your support.

Mrs Perrin and the Reception Team.