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Dear Parents and Carers,

RECEPTION CLASS NEWSLETTER

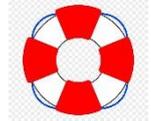
We hope you all had a lovely half-term break and are ready and rested for the busy weeks ahead! This newsletter contains information that I hope you will find useful over the coming weeks.

Curriculum



Our topic for this half term is **999 Emergency!** In Reception, we encourage the children to develop **Characteristics of Effective Learning** through *Playing and Exploring*, *Active Learning* and *Creative and Critical Thinking*. Throughout the term the children will continue to engage in a broad range of activities to support and challenge their learning across 7 areas of development, both inside and outside the classroom:

- ✓ Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- ✓ Communication and Language
- ✓ Physical Development
- ✓ Literacy
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Understanding the World
- ✓ Expressive Arts and Design



Books and Flashcards

Beginning this term, 'Big Read' Comprehension work, Library Books and Yellow Reading Books will be changed on **Wednesdays**, and Flashcards which will be tested on **Fridays**. Please make sure that you bring these home learning tasks on the designated days each week. It would be a great help if you could please kindly take your child's books out of their bag so they are holding the books as they line up ready to hand them to me at the door. Thank you!



Wednesdays: Reading books, Yellow Reading Record, Library Book and 'Big Read'

Fridays: Flashcards



Reading with your child

Hopefully you received the questionnaire at the end of last term. If not, we have more copies available. Please do return these to EYFS or to the office. Tomorrow, Miss Pike will be holding an information session, 'How to Teach your Dragon to Read,' about reading with your child and Phonics. **Tuesday March 3rd** from 3.40pm in the hall. If you are planning to come please bring in the slip from the letter or let a member of the EYFS team know. We would love to see you there!



Book Week

To celebrate World Book Day, the children are invited to dress up this Friday 6th March. Please come to school dressed as a character from a story you enjoy!





The Children's Office

As part of our learning this term we have turned one of our areas in the Reception classroom into an 'office' for the children to do their 'work' in. If you would like to send a photograph of you in your workplace we would love to put these up on display in 'The Children's Office.' After all, (learning through) *play* is the children's *work*!



Punctuality and Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to arrive at school on time every day! Please make sure that you help your child to join the line at the door by 8.50am, as soon as you arrive, to ensure we can have the children registered at **9.00am**. This helps to create a safe and happy start to the day for each child.



Contributions

Thank you so much for your continued donations! Your voluntary contributions of **£1 - £5 per term** are so appreciated. If you prefer to make a donation online, please speak to Miss Everett in the School Office. Many thanks!



Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct **Winter uniform**, including a black or navy blue coat. Coats need to be warm and fairly waterproof, as a lot of our learning takes place outside, come rain or shine! In this cold weather, the children will need **navy blue tracksuit bottoms** for their outdoor **P.E. lessons**. The **pale blue hooded P.E. sweatshirts** can be purchased online at www.stitchdesign.co.uk/stclmd. Please ensure that *all* items of clothing are *clearly named*. Thank you!

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming 100th *Oranges and Lemons* celebration on Thursday 19th March.

Best wishes,

Ms J. Crook
Reception Class Teacher