



# St Paul's Reception Newsletter



October 2018

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful half term break. This half term is particularly busy, especially as we move towards Christmas and there are lots of events occurring.

### **This Half Term's Theme:**

Our theme this half term will be **Colour, Light and Dark.** This is a fantastic theme, which enables the children to learn about scientific concepts and the natural world. We shall spend time looking at colours; where we find them, how they can be changed and how they make us feel, before moving on to light and dark; when we shall learn about nocturnal animals and why some animals hibernate.



As part of our learning we shall also learn about different festivals and celebrations that occur at this time of year, including Diwali, Hanukah and Christmas. During our learning we shall talk about how people around the world celebrate and make comparisons with our own experiences.

### **Number November:**

We shall be taking part in the School's Number November initiative, which aims to develop the children's mathematical skills especially problem solving. The month will include a special dress up day when the children may come to school dressed in anything to do with numbers or maths concepts.



The children will have an opportunity to practice their mathematical skills everyday and will take part in a special maths trail around the school and a problem-solving workshop. More details will be sent out soon.

### **Our Christmas Trip:**

We are very excited to tell you that we shall be visiting Waterman's Theatre to watch the Christmas show on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Details and cost will be sent out shortly. Payment should be made via the parentpay website once we have confirmed our tickets. If you need help to access the site please speak to a member of the School Office.



We shall require a number of parent helpers to accompany us and will send out a letter shortly requesting help. Please note that parent attendance is not guaranteed and helper places are offered on a first come first served basis.

### **Reading Books:**

This half term we shall begin to send home reading books with words. The children will begin with a selection of books introducing them to the main Oxford Reading Tree characters and will then move on to books with simple storylines. We shall continue to send home a library book, which your child has chosen to share with you.



Please ensure that you sign the reading log each week so that we know that your child has read. Reading books will continue to be collected in on **Monday** and sent home on **Tuesday** each week.

### **Show and Tell:**

This half term we will begin Show and Tell. This is a weekly event when your child may bring in an item of interest to share with and talk about with their class. Show and Tell will take place on **Friday**.

The theme for our show and tell this half term will be: **My Favourite Things.** Please encourage your child to bring in something that they can talk about e.g. a photograph or special toy or ornament. All objects will be collected by the adults in the morning and will then be given out during the show and tell session.

### **Homework Menu:**

We shall shortly be sending home the first homework menu for you to complete at home with your child.

### **Christmas Events:**

As we move closer to Christmas there will be a number of events occurring in school. Below are listed all of the events that are already planned, but more are likely to be added once they are confirmed.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> November – Individual photos
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> November – Parent's Evenings
- 9<sup>th</sup> November – Samaritans Purse boxes due in
- 6<sup>th</sup> December – PFA Christmas Event (more details to follow)
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – Trip to Watermans Theatre
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Year One Christmas Service at 10am
- 21<sup>st</sup> December – School closes at 1:30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Children return to school at 8:45am

Please do speak to a member of the team if you have any further questions or queries.

The Reception Team