

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2018



RECEPTION

November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you back after the break. The children have settled in again quickly and are already busy with their new learning.

Our Topic

Term 2: Celebrations

Children will explore a variety of different celebrations such as Bonfire night, Diwali, birthdays, weddings and Christmas.

Maths and English

In maths lessons children will be continuing to learn about number and shape. They will be learning to add numbers together and how to find one more/one less than a given number.

In order to support your child, you could ask them to count everyday objects around them. For example: How many red cars have you got? How many blue cars have you got? How many cars have you got altogether?

Encourage your child to talk about shapes they can see in the environment, and discuss their properties. For example: I can see a circle on that road sign. It has no corners.

In English, we will be learning how to write words and begin to write sentences.

In order to support your child, you could encourage writing and drawing at home. For example: writing shopping lists, writing their name, drawing and labelling a picture. Please encourage your child to hold their pencil at the bottom using their two fingers and thumb.

Encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity. We aim to change books regularly.

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains water.

As we like to get outdoors a lot, please ensure your child has a pair of wellies and a waterproof coat in school at all times. You may wish to have a change of clothes in school as we sometimes like to get messy! Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE

Our PE days are Monday (Chicks and Eaglets) and Friday (Owlets). Please continue to ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

Promoting Independence

This term we ask all children, where possible, to come into school independently. It would be fantastic if you were to say 'goodbye' to your child at the school door and let them build up their confidence in following the morning routines.

Phonics

Phonics is one of the ways we teach the children to read and to spell words. We will learn new sounds each week. You will receive flashcards for the sounds as we learn them. Please look at these alongside your child's reading book at home.

Important Dates

11.12.18 - Reception Christmas performance 2pm
19.12.18 - Christmas dinner
07.01.19 - First day of term 3

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HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

- Share some photographs at home with your child of a special time or celebration for you. For example, a wedding.
- Visit the park with your child. Hunt for natural found objects, for example, sticks, leaves and stones. Challenge your child to count how many they have found.
- Learn to sing the alphabet with your child.

Alphabet:



Yours sincerely
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Reception Class Teachers

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