

## Reception Newsletter Autumn Term 2 2023

Welcome back. We hope you have all had a lovely half term break. We have lots of exciting activities planned for this half term. We will be exploring Winter as our main topic.

The children will be taking part in a Xmas show called 'Baa-rmy Bethlehem' along with Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2.

If you have any questions, you can always send us a message on Class Dojo. Please allow staff time to respond to any messages as it is not always possible to reply immediately.

Reception Team

### English

This half-term we will be reading a variety of autumn and winter themed books including *The Gruffalo*, *Stickman* and *The Snowman*. We will be encouraging the children to write simple cvc words e.g. sat, hen, dog as well as some tricky words such as I, he, she.

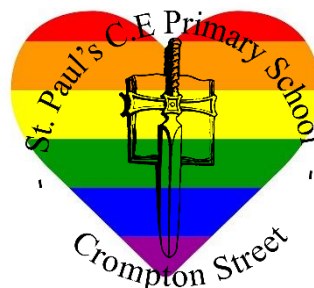
**Phonics** - We will continue using the Essential Letters and Sounds programme for our daily phonics sessions. We will be focusing on recognising and writing Phase 3 sounds. An overview of these sounds/rhymes will be sent home.

### Maths

In Maths, we are going to continue to focus on counting, sorting and ordering objects and numbers to 10 and beyond. We will be counting up to 10 objects using 1:1 correspondence and exploring quantities within 10 using a ten frame.

### P.E

Reception will have P.E. on a Wednesday afternoon. All children need to have a P.E. kit in school consisting of a red P.E. t-shirt, black shorts and pumps. Please encourage your child to have a try at undressing and dressing themselves at home.



### R.E.

This half-term our topic will be 'Why is Christmas special for Christians?' The children will explore the nativity story in a variety of ways and know that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birth.

### Reading Books



Reading as regularly as possible to an adult can really help your child progress. We would like to see your child read to an adult, the adult should sign their reading record. Reading books are changed every Monday as long as your child's reading record has been signed.

This half term the children will commence guided reading sessions. Guided reading is taught daily in a small group of 6. It gives the children an opportunity to read and discuss a simple text.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9.00-10.00am

### Reception Maths Workshop

Come along and join in a Maths session with the Reception children. We hope you can join us.

### Things to remember:

- Please name EVERYTHING!
- A water bottle (filled with water only please)
- Reading books everyday
- One healthy morning snack (if desired)

### Understanding the World

This half-term our topic is Wonderful Winter. We will be learning about seasonal changes. We will be exploring animals that hibernate and how the trees change in winter time. A huge thank you for all the projects completed over half term. They are amazing and are now on display in the classroom.