

In maths we will be doing lots of counting and number songs. We will be particularly learning about length, height and time this half term. You can help your child by talking about time at home, measuring things around the home/each other and making comparisons. There will still be a focus on learning 2D shapes, their names and their properties. There will be plenty of counting opportunities in the busy hands area, children will challenge themselves to beat the timer! Counting the amount of objects they can thread/pick up.

Maths

Lions and Giraffes: In phonics there is a big focus on learning all of the single letter sounds as well as oral blending this term. We will also be starting Drawing Club soon where we hope to inspire some creative imaginations! After October half term, all Reception children will bring home a library book and, when they are ready, they will receive a phonics book to practise reading by themselves. Miss Law will explain during the phonics workshops, on the 10th October, about how to support your child at home with their reading. Reception children need to bring their reading books to school every day as they will take them to their phonics lesson.

Turtles: Children in Nursery are having a big focus on name writing this next term. All children will be sent home with a name writing card, if they haven't already. Please encourage your child to sign their own learning with their name writing card to support them. The nursery library will open after October half term and your child will be able to choose a book to borrow and enjoy listening to at home with family.

Literacy



General Messages

- Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery for school.
- Children need a water bottle at school with their name on. We would advise water only.
- All children receive free school milk until their 5th birthday. After they turn five, if your child would like to still have milk at school, you will need to pay for it unless you are in receipt of SOA (Scheme of aid.) Milk can be paid for at www.coolmilk.com
- As colder weather is now upon us please ensure children have sufficient clothing for outdoor play as we do go out in all weathers. Please make sure all clothes have your child's name in.
- Each week we choose a child to take home our special teddy bears (Humphrey, Martha and Ted) and write about their weekend activities.
- Look out for your child being chosen to take our book bags home with some lovely stories to share with a hot chocolate!
- If your child brings a packed lunch please be aware that their lunch box must contain **cold** food only. Food containing nuts is not allowed in school at all because we have some children with allergies so please bear this in mind. Can we also ask that whole grapes are cut in half lengthways to minimise the risk of choking. We also ask that parents don't send sweets or chocolate bars but a chocolate covered biscuit or cake is fine.
- If your child is in reception please remember to order their dinner at home on the gateway app. You can do this the night before school or for a few days/weeks in advance. You could also order each morning however you must order before 8am as it closes at that time for parents.

Can we politely remind parents that we ask for a £3.00 contribution each half term to allow us to provide further opportunities for the children e.g. Christmas boxes, baking, food tasting and homemade playdough. These contributions make a big difference to the provision we can provide.

Kind regards, Miss Law and the EYFS Team.



This term is the busiest and most exciting of the whole school year with the Autumn walk, nativity, Christmas party, Hey Diddles performance, Christmas crafts and so much more!

After October half term we will be looking at a selection of books e.g. Rama and Sita, Little Glow and the Nativity story. Children will be exploring the new areas in the classroom, which will be linked to the focus story. This will include our ever popular Witches' Kitchen where children can dress up and concoct potions with their friends! We will learn about how to keep safe during Bonfire Night and about how the fire service can help us. We will also be making a chocolate apple!

This half term we are learning about dinosaurs and will be exploring books such as Tyrannosaurus Drip and Winnie's Dinosaur Day. We will also be learning about Autumn and what happens in this season in our country. We will be tasting pumpkin soup and em-barking on an Autumn walk around our school field to explore our beautiful grounds and hopefully find some Autumn treasures!

Christmas

This term we will be looking at books all about dinosaurs, Halloween and celebrations such as Diwali and Topic news



Shawlands Primary School Foundation Stage Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024

Welcome to our Autumn term; a very busy time ahead of us! We are using the Dojo online reward system and you should have received an invite if you are not already connected. We are also going to be using dojo to share information, reminders and photographs of our learning instead of X (Twitter.) Please ensure you are connected to the dojo app (the free version is fine, you do not need to subscribe and pay) so you don't miss anything. From now on, all messages to staff must be sent through email as staff will not be able to reply to messages on the dojo app. You are also welcome to pass on messages through Miss Williamson who stands by the playground gate on a morning. Please do not pass messages on at the door while the staff are greeting children as they are trying to keep everyone safe.

In this newsletter we hope to let you know some of the activities that your child will be taking part in over the coming weeks and provide you with some useful information.

Important Dates

- Thursday 10th October 2.30pm and 4.30pm —Reception phonics and early reading workshops for parents (it is the same meeting so you only need to attend one.)
- Thursday 10th October—World Mental Health Day (wear yellow.)
- Thursday 24th October—Halloween/non-uniform dress up day (no masks)
- October half term—we break up on Thursday 24th October and return on Monday 4th November.
- Friday 25th October—INSET day (school closed)
- Wednesday 13th November PM —Parents Evening Sessions
- Friday 15th November—Children in Need (non-uniform)
- Tuesday 10th December AM/PM—EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsals
- Wednesday 11th December—2.00pm EYFS Nativity Performance (letter to follow)
- Thursday 12th December—9.30am EYFS Nativity Performance (letter to follow)
- Friday 13th December —Hey Diddles Christmas performance for EYFS in school (letter to follow)
- Friday 13th December —Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
- Tuesday 17th December 1.30pm— EYFS Christmas Party (morning turtles can attend the party to gain their attendance mark on this day.)
- Friday 20th December 1.30PM—EYFS & KS1 Christmas Carol Service in School Hall
- This half term—we break up on Friday 20th of December and return to school on Monday 6th of January.