

Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1

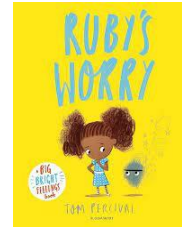


Core text(s) for Literacy

In Our Hands
Author: Lucy Farfort



Ruby's Worry
Author: Tom Percival



Focus for Writing

This half term we will be encouraging the children to become independent writers and enjoy mark making within their learning. Once the children have all settled into school life, we will be starting daily phonics lessons to help them learn letter sounds and begin to learn common exception words to support their early writing skills.

Please encourage your child to practise writing their name at home using **LOWER CASE LETTERS** and to write as much as possible. This can be writing shopping lists, notes, letters, messages or just practise writing sounds and words they will be learning at school.

Reading focus







We will be reading a variety of books this half term with the children; many will be familiar to them.

We encourage the children to enjoy reading for pleasure as well as supporting them in learning the skills to become fluent readers. We will send home 2 types of reading book on a **Friday**. One book will be our reading scheme book, at first some of these books won't have words in them but we encourage parents/carers to discuss and talk about the pictures with your child so they really understand the story. The other book is a picture book from the class library for you to share. Please return the reading books by the following **Wednesday**. Both books do need to be returned to class before another can be given out.

At home, your child should aim to read for at least 5 minutes each day - this can be independently, reading with an adult, reading to an adult or being read to by a more confident reader - and record this on Learning with Parents (see details overleaf)

We will also send home common exception words every 2 weeks for the children learn to read.

<p>Maths focus areas</p>	<p>Counting and recognising numbers to 5: We will begin to develop an in depth understanding of what numbers to 5 look like.</p> <p>Number Sense Lessons: We will be developing the children's confidence in applying mathematical skills in a variety of ways. Please help your children read, write, and count with numbers as often as possible. This could be counting the number of steps you take or playing board games like snakes and ladders.</p> <p>Patterns and sorting: We will develop our skills in noticing patterns and describing them using shapes, colours, sizes.</p>
<p>Early Years-Learning through play</p>	<p>The children will be learning through their play. This means we provide the children with meaningful activities and enhanced provision based on themes chosen by them. Learning through their play about themes that the children have a real interest in encourages them to become independent learners and be enthusiastic about learning. We will start off the new half term with a theme based on ALL ABOUT ME which we hope the children will enjoy and it will help us get to know them. Alongside our theme we will also be focusing on the following areas and developing our knowledge.</p> <p>PSE: To settle into school life and begin to build relationships and demonstrate teamwork.</p> <p>Music: Listen to and respond to different styles of music including nursery rhymes and action songs.</p> <p>RE: Harvest</p>
<p>PE day (and kit expectations)</p>	<p>Your child's PE day will be on a Friday. We may have additional PE sessions from time to time, if this is the case we will let you know beforehand.</p> <p>Your child should wear their PE kit to school, with their school jumper on top. The PE kit should consist of a pale blue T-shirt or polo shirt, navy plain bottoms and plimsolls/trainers. Our focus this half term will be to follow rules and basic ball skills. Participating regularly in physical activity is important to develop habits for a healthy adult life. A link to PE kit and uniform can be found here: Kenley-Primary-Uniform-List-Updated-.pdf (kenleyprimary.org.uk)</p>
<p>Fruit and Milk</p>	<p>The children are provided with a piece of fruit every day; however, you may provide your child with fruit instead.</p> <p>Milk is provided for all children who have not yet turned 5. If your child has turned 5 already and you would like them to continue to have it daily, you can sign up to cool milk. https://www.coolmilk.com/</p> <p>Please inform us if you do not want your child to have milk.</p>

Key Dates	October 11 th – Family Outdoor Learning Morning		
<p>Ways to help at home</p>   	<p>The children will receive a piece of homework each week which will link to what they are learning in class. All activities will be explained in a homework letter that will be posted on class dojo. Homework sheets and activities will be given out on Friday and will be due back the following Wednesday.</p> <p>The children will have access to Numbots which contains a range of activities that relate to number learning that we cover in class. Your child will have their own account and password for Numbots and they can use this to engage with the activities.</p> <p>Your child will also have assignments set on Splash Learn. This is a maths website that they have access to at home. The website is available at https://uk.splashlearn.com/signin#/parent and numeracy games can be played from any computer with internet access. We will use SplashLearn and Numbots as an additional learning platform for your child's homework. Log in details will be sent home shortly and we will specify which activity your child needs to complete each week. Your child will be able to practice core skills in a fun and exciting way. For more information, please feel free to ask any questions.</p> <p>Learning with parents is a digital reading log that we use in EYFS and KS1 to record your child's reading at home and at school. You will receive a link which you can follow to record your child's reading. You can record your child's reading in a variety of way including writing a comment, taking a photo or uploading an audio or video of your child reading.</p>		
The Reception Team			
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