

Thank you for helping us ensure this has been a calm and settled first half term in Reception for all of our families. Enjoy the half term holiday with your children.



Our topic next half term is

'Sparkle and Shine'

We will learn about festivals

and celebrations including Fireworks Night, Diwali and Christmas.

We will also think about night and the dark as we move through Autumn.

We will learn about nocturnal animals and go for local walks to observe seasonal changes.



The children need to bring their own named water bottle.

Fruit is available daily. Please **DO NOT send in snacks** for your child.



As we approach the rainy season, we ask that children bring in a pair of wellies to school for the Autumn 2 term.

This will ensure they can still enjoy outdoor activities, even when the weather is wet.



Please ensure that the wellies are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid any mix-ups.

Please look out for some half term homework in your child's bookbag

Please can we ask that if your child is in pull-ups that you use this half term holiday to work on more toilet training. Here is a useful website for help <https://eric.org.uk/>

The early years' curriculum target states: **children should be increasingly independent in meeting their own care needs, e.g., brushing teeth, using the toilet, washing and drying their hands thoroughly.**

The same with eating - please help children to put food on the fork and put it in their own mouth.

Important reminders...

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Their polo shirt and sweatshirt/cardigan need to have the school **logo** on and they must wear **black** shoes with velcro straps, not laces as they cannot do them up yet. Please make sure you have **written your child's name on ALL their school uniform clothing items**. This includes their sweatshirt, polo shirt, trousers, skirts, summer dress, coat, shoes and book bag.

Please check whether you have any of our books at home and return them after the holidays

Packed lunch



We have a busy day in Reception and children need a healthy lunch. If your child has a packed lunch, please make sure it is healthy. No chocolate (e.g.) Nutella) or sweets or juice, please. **Also, we are nut-free school.**

All parents can apply for milk online <http://www.coolmilk.com>

All children are entitled to a free school dinner – please look at the menu sent home.

Breakfast Club:

Our breakfast club runs from 7.45am – 8.45am, Monday to Friday, so book your place as soon as possible through the office if you would like your child to attend.



We offer free bagels in the morning. Make sure your child is in school in time to get one. The tray for reception will be in the reading hut opposite our playground from 8.35 daily.



Phonics

When we come back...

Children will continue to use their phonic knowledge to hear each sound and write it by themselves.

It is important that children learn to blend sounds confidently to read short words. There will be more information on this in the Reading Workshop and Keep in Touch meetings early next half term. Look out for more details when we come back.

For more information; please visit the Little Wandle website parents' section.
<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/>

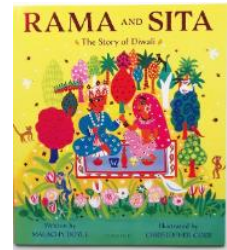
Literacy:

In the first week back, we will be reading
"The story of Rama and Sita"

- We will learn about Diwali
- Discuss how the people of the Hindu and Sikh faith celebrate Diwali.

Listen to the story here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/lets-celebrate-diwaliperformance>



Word of the week is: Delicious: having a very pleasant taste or smell. Example: a delicious cake.

Maths

This half term we have spent a lot of time building the children's foundations for using number. We have learned to recognise, order and count with the numbers to 5. Children can recite numbers to 10. We have done this by learning songs and playing games with numbers so that children can build the 'deep knowledge' of number that they need to reach their learning goals.

Achievement Certificates

Briggs: Irianne and Manahil
Donaldson: Kuukua and Pleart
Hargreaves: Afifah and Nikshita
Seuss: Rehan and Aizel

Attendance w/e 18/10/24

Briggs: 93.6%
Donaldson: 88.3%
Hargreaves: 92.4%
Seuss: 88%

Each class will also have a Star of the Week.

Dates for your Diary

We return to school on Monday 28th October at 8.45am
Parents Evenings w/b 18th November after school – details to follow.

We care about your child's wellbeing and will try to help in any way we can to ensure your child is safe and happy at school. If you have any queries or questions for your child's teacher, please use the class email below. We will aim to respond within 24 hours.

Briggs Class: briggsclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk

Donaldson class: donaldsonclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk

Hargreaves class: hargreavesclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk

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