

# *Reception Newsletter*

## *The Magical Mystery Tour*

### *Term 2*

Dear Parents,

The children have come back to school well rested and ready for another busy term. They have all settled into new routines beautifully and I am incredibly proud of their achievements so far. Our main topic is entitled "The Magical Mystery Tour" and all subjects will be linked to the topic as much as possible. Some of the most exciting activities this term will be a visit to a pantomime and farm, our infant Nativity as well preparing for the arrival of Father Christmas!

#### *Communication Language and Literacy*

Texts will include Rosie's Walk, What the Ladybird Heard, Remembering the Story of the Soldier, Gulliver's Travels, Paddington Bear, Emma's Lamb, The Lost Sheep, Dick Whittington, The Nativity and The Story of Christmas. Through these texts we plan to write descriptive words and captions, follow instructions, create a class poem and engage in drama. The children will also make poppies with words of remembrance on them. The home corner will be transformed into Rosie's house where the children can enter into role play and mark making. Our daily phonics sessions will continue and as discussed at parents evening the children will now be in smaller groups. We will also start show and tell this term and a rota will go up on the noticeboard with the week your child can talk about or bring in a small object related to our topic from home. Please only send in items that will fit into your child's drawer - thank you!

#### *Mathematical Development*

The children will begin to understand,

- 2D and 3D shape
- More and less than a given number to 5 and 10
- Addition and take away
- Problem solving
- Writing and ordering number to 10/20

#### *Knowledge and understanding of the world*

Activities include,

- Journeys
- Remembrance Day
- Visit a working farm
- Biblical stories including The Lost Coin, The Lost Sheep and the Nativity
- Go on a walk to the church for a picnic

## *Physical Development*

Through Movement, Dance and Gymnastics the children will learn to,

- Dress and undress independently - Please continue to encourage this at home
- Use equipment safely
- Take turns
- Create a travelling sequence
- Develop gross motor skills such as skipping, hopping, throwing and catching
- Develop fine motor skills such as pencil hold, cutting with scissors and use of small construction

## *Creative Development*

Through Art, Music and Design Technology we will,

- Make a Christmas Card
- Learn songs for the Nativity
- Enact our role in the Nativity (TBA)
- Make a knap sack like Dick Whittington
- Paint and make a poppy
- Make a travelling machine

## *Personal, Social and Emotional Development*

Activities include,


- Team activities and games
- Taking care of our environment
- Dress in winter clothes - (please practise putting on and fastening coats with your child)
- How to help and support others
- Thinking of people who are alone at Christmas

For the Nativity your child will be given a specific role. (See attached note). Please make a simple costume to be brought into school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. If you need any help relating to the costume then please come and see me ASAP.

*Dates for your Diary include,*

- The pantomime 9<sup>th</sup> December (More information to follow)
  - The Nativity play 1.30pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at Marlborough College Chapel
- \*\*\* Please note that children are to be collected from the chapel

If you would like to come into class to either listen to readers, help on a trip or with a craft activity then please come and see me to arrange a suitable day/time. You will have to complete a Criminal Records Check (CRB) prior to doing so and forms can be collected from the school office.



I have been thrilled with the amount of "wow" moments that are on display in the class - Thank you for your support. Remember that they can be anything from learning to ride a bike to writing their name and photographs are also great to have too.

At the end of this month we will sadly say goodbye to Juliette. Juliette and her family have been a wonderful support to the school over the years and they will be very much missed. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the class to wish them well on their new and exciting adventure.

Finally, as always, any concerns or issues then my door is always open.

Best Wishes

Nicky Jones