



## Reception Class Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to a new term!

#### Curriculum Overview

Our two topic projects this term are called 'Marvellous Machines' and 'Exploring Autumn'.

Our main project this term is called 'Marvellous Machines'. In the Marvellous Machines project, your child will learn about technology that is part of their daily lives. They will explore various machines, learn about how machines help us and find out about how machines have changed and developed over time. They will learn about products that use electricity to make them work and explore magnetic and non-magnetic materials.

#### Supporting your child at home with this topic

- Talk about the machines and technology you use in your everyday lives.
- Look for things in the home that are powered by electricity.
- Look for items that are powered by batteries.

Our mini topic this half term is 'Exploring Autumn'. We will be learning all about the natural changes that happen during the season of autumn, including how the weather changes, why trees lose their leaves and how wild animals prepare for winter.

#### Supporting your child at home with this topic

- Go on a walk around your local area and talk about what happens to trees and plants during autumn. Take some pictures to share at school.
- Collect leaves, seeds, nuts, and berries to add to an autumn collection.
- Make some bird food to feed the birds as the weather gets colder.

**Phonics** - We will continue to have daily Phonics lessons and learn our Set 1 sounds.

**Maths** - We will continue to secure our knowledge of numbers 1 - 5.

**RE** - Our RE topic this half term is "Special People to Me". We will be learning all about people who are important to a religious group.

**Music** - Our topic this half term is "My Stories". We will continue to learn action songs and nursery rhymes.

**PE** - Our PE lesson is every Wednesday at 9am, long hair needs to be tied up and earrings removed please.

#### Reading

**Home readers** - Please use the boom reader app to record each time your child reads at home. Remember they will earn a stamp in their reward chart if they read 3 or more times each week.

**Library books** - Every Friday Reception class will visit the school library. Children are allowed to take one book home to share with their grown-ups each week. We then expect the book to be returned on the following Friday to exchange for a new book.

#### Links with home

Tapestry accounts - Please upload photos and videos of things your child gets up to at home that they would like to share with the class in show and tell time.

#### General Notices

**Behaviour system** - In class we have discussed expected and unacceptable behaviour. Children are rewarded with team points for good behaviour in and around school and these contribute to our whole school team point totals. We also choose a star of the week each Friday in Reception Class.

**Birthday** - Your child can come in their own clothes on their birthday. If their birthday falls at the weekend or a school holiday, please choose the day closest to it.

**Water bottles** - Please only send plain water in these.

**Labelling clothes** - Please ensure that you have labelled all your child's belongings, including P.E. kit, school uniform, bags, bottles, coats and shoes.

**Weather** - In Reception class we go outside whatever the weather! Please bring a raincoat every day. Please apply sun cream to your child before school on hot days, your child can bring their own sun cream and reapply it themselves at lunchtime. The sun cream must be labelled.

Kind regards Mrs Strellis, Mrs McGlynn and Miss Gamwell