

Reckleford School & Nursery

'Every child has the right to an education' UNICEF Article 28

Newsletter 5

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

Welcome back to the New Year – I hope you all had a peaceful Christmas break.

NEW TOPIC

All classes and the Nursery will be looking at, reading, acting, writing about and enjoying TRADITIONAL TALES! This is a great topic and one which the children and staff all enjoy. Please do read you class information letter which tells you what your child will be studying and the important vocabulary and tasks you can do at home.

READING AT HOME

The most powerful way to support your child's learning is by reading to them. Please try to find the time to share a story, poem or factual information. This helps develop their vocabulary and understanding of language and the world around them.

Many children are reading to their grown-ups at home and doing really well on the **READING RAINBOW**. All children should be achieving Ambassador status by the end of the Spring Term so do keep signing the records whenever you listen to your child read. We will be talking to parents whose children have not progressed far on the Rainbow to see how we can help.

GOING FOR GOLD... Badger parents will be receiving letters this half-term which explains the target of getting to Gold Books on our reading scheme – please look out for letters!

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Squirrels will be visiting the Library this half-term and Badgers and Hedgehogs are hoping to visit Waterstones to explore the bookshop and hear some stories.

BOOKS AT BREAKFAST

As part of our topic we are holding a 'KS1 Books at Breakfast' event on Wednesday, 16th January. Parents of children in HEDGEHOGS & BADGERS are welcome to come and share some

breakfast and then story activities between 9.10 and 10.10am

BEING HEALTHY

We are focusing on Article 24 (UN Rights of a Child) which states all children have the right to a healthy life and good food and water.

We have started with Teeth and the Dentist. Many children did not think they had been to the dentist! It is essential that they go twice a year for check-ups so that problems such as tooth decay do not occur.

YEOVIL DENTAL PRACTICE (10, Sherborne Road) have recently extended their opening hours (Mon-Thurs 8-8, Fri 8-6) and will be running a Kids Club in Half-Term with activities and goodie bags for every child.

Dental visits and treatment are free for all children yet 25% of children have tooth decay by the age of 5 – a shocking statistic!

RIGHTS & RESPECTING DAY

Tuesday 22nd of January will be a day where children across the school and Nursery will join together for a day of activities based upon the United Nations Rights of a Child. We have currently achieved the 'Silver' award from UNICEF as a 'Rights and Respecting School' and this year we are aiming to achieve 'Gold'. This will mean that every child who attends Reckleford will be taught to understand the importance of the rights and responsibilities of every child globally and how this impacts on their safety, happiness and potential for the future. It will make our children kind, wise and confident!

STAFF UPDATES

We are extremely pleased to welcome back Hannah James in the Nursery and Hayley Frost in Badgers. Hannah has returned to full duties and Hayley will now be teaching Badger Class on a Thursday and Friday with Michelle Mitchell

teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
Great to have them both back!

We are also supporting student teachers throughout the year so you may see some new faces in your child's class alongside our Teachers and Teaching Assistants.

DIGITAL LEADERS

As part of our safeguarding duty we will be appointing some 'digital leaders' from Year 1 and 2 to attend a meeting every half-term with myself and Mr Tony Hind, our Safeguarding Governor. At this meeting we will discuss the children's classroom learning, how online safety can be taught and improved and what the latest games and fads might be. I will be speaking to staff to 'nominate' suitable children for this role.
Don't forget -

- Ensure parental controls are on all devices your child can use
- Be aware when your child is online and make sure you can see what they are 'playing'
- Limit your child's screen time – make the rule together and remind them before they begin.
- Check the PEGI rating for games and apps – your child should not play games meant for an older age group.
- Have shared time on technology – enjoying games and learning new skills is great fun

If you would like any further advice please check our website or ask us!

SITE SECURITY

New gates have been fitted to the pedestrian entrance during the Christmas break and the intercom system will be installed during the February half-term. After this the main Car Park gates will be closed from 9 - 3 so we will have just one point of entry to the site for the school day.
Can I please remind Nursery parents to walk via the fenced route to the Nursery rather than across the car park.

Can I also remind parents that the Magna Carpark is a private carpark and should not be used by non-Magna residents. The grass banks are also private property and children should not be allowed to run up and down them at the start and end of the day. Many thanks.

STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY!

Yeovil Library is holding a 'story time' for children aged 3-6years EVERY TUESDAY @ 4.00pm. We hope you will take your children for a lovely, regular and free treat!

NURSERY PLACES – FEW REMAINING!

We still have just a few places left in our fantastic Nursery. If you know anyone with 2,3,4 year olds then please recommend that they contact us quickly as these places will go!

TRANSLATIONS & ADVICE

Ms Kuza is at school every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon for those who require help, advice, have questions or need translations.

REMINDER: STARTING SCHOOL OR TRANSFERRING TO KS2 IN SEPT 19?

The deadline for making your school application online is January 15th

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Just to remind you our Parent Family Support Advisor, Mary Cooper is still running her English Conversation Group at St. Gildas 9.15-10.15 every Wednesday.

...and finally

Don't forget you can raise funds for the school simply by shopping online through www.easyfundraising.org.uk

You can find us on Facebook!

For more details about the school please visit our website www.somerset.org.uk/sites/reckleford

'Where every child feels safe and inspired to learn and find out what their best can be - now and in the future.' Reckleford School & Nursery 'Ethos'

Dates for your diaries...

TRADITIONAL TALES

JANUARY

7 TH	INSET
10 TH	BADGERS TO ST. MIKES
16 TH	BOOKS & BREAKFAST KS1
22 ND	RIGHTS & RESPECTING DAY
24 TH	FULL GOVS 5.30PM
29 TH	VISION CHECKS YR R

FEBRUARY

1 ST	NUMBER DAY (NSPCC) - activities
5 TH	SAFER INTERNET DAY
HALF TERM	18 TH - 22 ND FEBRUARY

IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD!

27.2.19	RAINFOREST INC.
WEEK OF 4 TH MARCH	PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS
14.3	CARYMOOR ECO PIRATES - BADGERS CLASS
15.3	RED NOSE DAY
19.3	DOGS' TRUST
17.4	EASTER TEA PARTY
EASTER HOLIDAY	8 th - 22 nd April