

# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

News updates from Sheringham Community Primary School & Nursery

#### **KEY DIARY DATES**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October –
Phonics Learning Café

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultation week

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October -School finishes for half term.

**Tuesday 31st October –**Open Morning

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Trip to Pretty Corner** 

Please don't forget that our email is reception@sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk
Please do get in touch to book on to our open morning

### Welcome to Reception

We are so pleased with how the children have settled into school so far this half term. It has been great to see how many of you have already accessed our Welcome to Reception information video on Tapestry. This half term we welcome Miss. Sammi to our team, she is a teaching student who will be with us for most of the year.

### Homework

The children have been enjoying their homework this week and we love seeing how much progress the children have made with their letter formation. Please do not feel under any pressure to complete the sheets each week but they are great to use to help the children practice their sounds even if they don't want to write. We mainly send them home so that you are aware of the sounds we are learning and if your child is keen and wants to complete them then that's great. However, if your child does complete the sheets then please return the folder to school the following week. They will then be put back in their book bags on Friday with their new sounds in.

### Learning café

We are excited that our first Learning café will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30. The theme will be phonics. You will get the chance to find out how we teach phonics and also observe a lesson in your child's class. You will then get to complete some phonics based activities with your child. Please complete the form on Parentmail when you receive it to let us know if you can come.

## Tapestry

It is great to see so many of you on Tapestry now and using it regularly to comment on what your child has been doing and to post pictures of what you have been doing at home. Please do let us know if you have any problems logging in.



### Maths

This half term in maths we are focusing on counting accurately. We will be using a puppet who will make errors when they count and the children have to help them learn how to count carefully and accurately. Next week we will be looking at how numbers are made up of other numbers, mainly focusing on numbers 3 and 4. At home your child could ...

- Count in sequence to 10 and beyond.
- Count things when you are out and about
- Help them to notice numbers and amounts around them.
- Help them to count out small sets of objects accurately.
- Explore how 3 and 4 and made of other numbers. E.g. 1 and 2 is equal to 3, 2 and 2 is equal to 4.

### **Phonics**

This week we started our Read Write Inc phonics sessions where we learn one sound per day. The children have been really enjoying them and I know many of them have been telling you all about them at home. We have been using our magnetic boards and letters to make words with the sounds we have learnt so far, m, a, s, d, t. This week we are learning the sounds m,a,s,d,t and next week it will be i, n, p, g, o. Don't forget that each Friday there will be a phonics video on Tapestry to tell you about the sounds we have done, how to pronounce them and how to form them correctly. The video will also show you the BSL finger sign.

### Literacy

Our Literacy Tree, Literacy sessions will start after half term. So for the rest of this half term we will be focusing on listening games and rhyme. We will also talk about our whole school rule and the 5 Rs too as well as our feelings using the story of the Colour Monster

At home your child could...

- Read books together as often as you can.
- Encourage them to practice the sounds they have been learning at school that week.
- Encourage them to practice writing them using the correct formation.
- Talk to your child about what they do at school.
- Help them to find words that rhyme.
- Make up silly rhyming sentences.

### After Half term...

On Tuesday 31st October we have an open morning where we are inviting families and children to come and visit who are starting school in September 2024. If you or anyone you know has a child looking for a school place then please do email the Reception team to arrange to join us for that morning where we are excited to show you all the wonderful things Sheringham Community Primary has to offer.

We are all extremely excited for our first school trip when we have an Autumn Walk on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Please ensure you have replied to the ParentMail if you are able to help us on the trip, the more the merrier!