

Brrr! It's getting cold. Please ensure your child brings a coat every day. Can your child practise putting on their own coat? If sending in hats, scarves and gloves, please ensure they are named.

Writing

Nursery children are continuing to be encouraged to make marks and give them meaning, attempting to write their name and using dough disco to strengthen their fingers. Why not practise writing their name in birthday cards or Christmas cards.

Reception are now beginning to write letters and use their phonics to write words in lists or labels. Remind your child to hold their pencil properly. Can your child help you to write a shopping list or label a picture?

In Phonics, **Reception** continue to learn more new sounds and look at digraphs (2 letters = one sound). We continue to practise blending our sounds together to read words.

Nursery continue to play lots of phonics games to help us to hear rhyme and initial sounds.

We continue to encourage the children's independence skills, including putting on our socks and shoes. We have a shoe shop role play to help us practise this. Please ensure your child's shoes are named to prevent mix ups! We continue to encourage the children to use the toilet and wash our hands independently.

#ConfidentIndividuals

This half term we will be exploring where we live. After looking at where we live, we will be exploring other places. We will look at how we can make the world a better place including looking at recycling. We will look at the other things that live in our world like animals and plants. **#responsiblecitizens**



Early Years Autumn 2 What sort of world do we live in?

We are very excited about our school visit to **Whitehouse Farm on 4th December**. The children will be meeting lots of different animals and one very special man in a red suit!

#Havingfun!

We are very excited to begin practising our Christmas play. We will be learning lots of new songs which we are sure you will be singing of by heart very soon. See our calendar for dates. **#Havingfun!**

Maths

This half term in **Nursery** the children will be practising their one to one counting and recognising numbers. Can your child help you to count the stairs on the way to bed? **Reception** continue to meet new numbers. We will be looking at shapes. We will begin to add and take away objects. We will be exploring time. Look out for our Shape Maths Challenge.

In PE sessions, Reception are taking part in football sessions with Lee Sterry this half term, developing our listening and ball control skills.

Reading

In class we will be reading lots of books, looking at key features such as the title, author and blurb. **Reception** continue to use our story voting station. **Nursery** children continue to receive their special book to share those stories with you. Reception are already showing us lots of good reading skills. Please encourage them to use their phonics (orange book) and key words (green book) when reading.