

Brrr! It's getting cold. Maybe we'll even get some snow soon! Please ensure your child brings a coat every day. Can your child practise putting on their own coat? Please make sure that hats, scarves, gloves and coats are clearly named.

Writing

We continue to encourage **Nursery** children to make marks and give them meaning and attempting to write their name. They are trying really hard to develop their pencil grip and hold their pencils properly. Can they practise writing their name at home?

Reception are writing letters and using their phonics to write words in lists, labels and sentences. We have started handwriting lessons. Handwriting homework sheets will be coming home. Please remind your child to hold their pencil properly when they are writing and drawing at home.

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. This is especially important as all children in the Unit will be taking part in Yoga this term. We continue to encourage the children to use the toilet and wash our hands independently.

#ConfidentIndividuals

This half term we will be exploring 'Space'. We will look at the moon, stars and planets and how humans explore space. We will learn about famous astronauts and famous events in space history, such as the moon landings. We might even discover some aliens on our adventures!



Early Years Autumn 2 What's it like in Space?

Reception children have started ICT sessions in the computer suite. They are trying really hard to develop their mouse skills and we have activities set up in the Unit to develop this.

This half term's No Outsiders book is '**Blue Chameleon**'. We will be celebrating our uniqueness and talking about ways that we can make friends.
#nooutsiders

Maths

This half term in **Nursery**, the children will be practising their one to one counting and recognising numbers up to 10. Can your child recognise any numbers in the environment? **Reception** continue to meet new numbers up to 20. We will continue to add and take away objects, developing our understanding of numbers. We will also be exploring time and shapes.

We are starting to do Yoga in our **PE** sessions this half term Reception will get changed into PE kits while Nursery will take their shoes, socks and jumpers off.

Reading

In class we will continue to read lots of books, looking at key features such as the title, author and blurb. 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. **Nursery** children to receive their book bags once a fortnight with books to share with you. **Reception** love the story voting station and we will continue to use it this half term.