

# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

## Autumn Term 2 2017

We are delighted to introduce our latest addition to the Reception classes: The Reception Reading Rabbits! Having animals in school provides the children with opportunities to observe nature first-hand and the rabbits are an addition to our growing menagerie including Giant African Snails and our Fish Pond. The children also take responsibility for feeding and caring for the animals which is a valuable learning experience for them.

We are hoping the rabbits will help the children develop their reading skills and confidence with reading aloud. We have created a "Rabbit Reading corner" in Reception with comfy cushions and picture books next to the rabbit cage for children to read their favourite stories to the rabbits.



Our topics this term are Celebrations, Seasons and Adventures. We will be reading the stories; We're going on a Bear Hunt, Little Rabbit Foo Foo and Stick Man to support our topic work. Children will be learning how stories are structured and developing an understanding of main characters, descriptive language and the sequence of events in a story. We will also be using information texts to learn more about our new pets and how to take care of them.

In preparation for our Nativity performance, Children will be learning songs and some short lines to say in the play. Performing and speaking in front of an audience will be a new skill for many of the children and practise for this is well under way!

In Mathematics we will be focussing on 'Measure' and exploring weight and capacity through fun practical activities. In the run up to Christmas this would be a fantastic opportunity to support your child's learning in this area through baking; reading instructions for recipes and weighing out ingredients using weighing scales.

### Enterprise week

In preparation for the school Christmas Fayre, children in Reception will be making something Christmassy to sell at the Fayre. The aim is to teach children about enterprise through creating and then selling a product. Each class will be competing with the rest of the school to make the most profit from their enterprise. To get a head start, Reception will be "Pre-Selling" their product after school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Parents can purchase the product made by their child at 3.15pm during the end of day pick up.

## Dates for your Diary

Updated Diary dates are also included in the weekly Headteacher's Newsletter

Friday 17th November - Children in Need Pyjama Day (donations at the school gate)

Thursday 24th November - Pre- sale of Reception Christmas Enterprise creations.

Saturday 2nd December 12pm-3pm School Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 13th December EYFS Nativity performance

Wednesday 20th December "The Wizard of Oz" Pantomime performance for children and end of term 2pm.

### Travelling Teddies

We are introducing 'Travelling Teddies' in Reception this half term. Each Friday a child is chosen to take the travelling teddy home for the weekend. A small book accompanies Teddy on his journey which can be used for your child to document their weekend with Teddy. This can be through drawings, photographs or writing and does not need to be too long or require too much additional work for parents! The children really enjoy the responsibility of looking after Teddy and can't wait for their turn to take him home.

### Show and tell

On Fridays children are invited to bring something in for "Show and Tell". This will be introduced on a rota using your child's House as follows:

Friday 17th November - Ember

Friday 24th November - Hampton

Friday 1st December - Claremont

Friday 8th December- Sandown

Thereafter the houses for show and tell on Fridays will be rotated in this order

## EYFS Nativity Performance



Our EYFS Nativity performance for parents will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm.

This Year Reception will be performing our Nativity play alongside Nursery. The children have already started to learn the songs and Reception pupils will be helping to narrate the story of the very first Christmas.

We will shortly be sending home a letter to parents asking for you to provide a costume for your child. If you have any questions or require help with ideas, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Reception Team. The children are looking forward to performing for you and we hope to see you all at the show!

### Parent Helpers after Christmas

If you can spare an hour once a week to read with children in Reception and would like to help out please let us know and speak to the office regarding obtaining an enhanced disclosure for helping out in school.

If you would like to contact us, please feel free to e-mail the school office: [info@cranmere.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@cranmere.surrey.sch.uk) who will forward the message to us.

