

# Class 2 and 3 Newsletter

## Autumn 2 ~ 2023

### Welcome back to Reception!

We hope you have had a restful half term and are ready for more fun at school. The children settled into Reception so fantastically. We are especially proud of how well our new starters fitted into our South Stanley Infant School family and how welcome the children who moved up from our Nursery made them feel!



We are planning lots of lovely learning in this half term's topic of 'tasty treats' - perfect for the lead up to Christmas! There are some ideas for supporting your child at home on the back of this letter, and if you ever need any more information please do look at our website or get in touch— we are more than happy to help!



### Reading, homework and WOW stars

We are so thrilled with how well all the children are doing with their reading and homework. Thank you to all of you for helping your children to read 5 times every week and supporting them to complete their homework challenges. Thank you also for sharing the children's proud moments from home with the WOW stars. The children love to share their learning and to have their moment in the spotlight, so please keep sending them in!



### Christmas...

We will end the half term with some special Christmas festivities!

### Early Years Nativity

Our Early Years Nativity will take place on Tuesday 12th December. There will be a morning and afternoon performance at 9.30m and 2.30pm. You will be sent more information later in the term about choosing tickets for the morning or afternoon performance.

Friday 15th December will be Christmas jumper day in school, so please send your children to Nursery in a festive top on this day.

Our Reception Christmas party will be on Monday 18th December. Children will come to school in their party clothes on their party day and enjoy their party afternoon

*\*Please remember children will be playing outdoors at lunchtime so ensure clothes and shoes are appropriate for this— thanks!*



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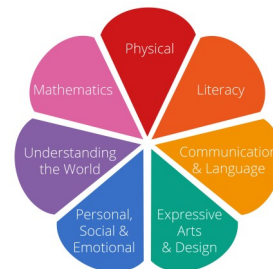
### **\*Hats, scarves and gloves\***

With the cold season approaching, please make sure your child is dressed for the weather as we try to go outdoors every day.

some spare hats and gloves and always provide waterproofs and wellies when needed.

*\*Please remember to put names in every item of your child's clothing. Thank you!*

Every half term, we will share some ways to support your child at home with the 'Prime Areas of Learning' (the skills that underpin everything that we do), and the vocabulary we will be focussing on. This is just a small selection of possibilities, and we know you will have lots of other fun activities that you enjoy together as a family. Please do share these with us using the WOW stars - it's lovely to hear about the fun from home! If you need any other support, please do let us know.



### Communication and Language

- \*Add adjectives when you talk e.g. look at the **shiny** star in the sky, did you see the **big red** bus? Children will hear these words and start to use them in their own conversation.
- \*Talk about the characters in books and how they are feeling, e.g. miserable, upset, down in the dumps, or happy, over the moon, pleased. You could use words to describe a character's emotions yourself, and, again, your child will listen and begin to use these words themselves.



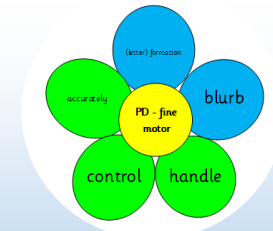
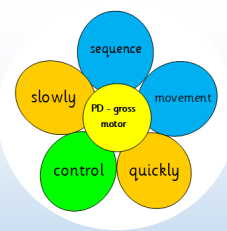
### Personal Social and Emotional development

- \* We are encouraging our children to be as independent as possible in school. At home, you could encourage your child to get dressed by themselves, especially putting on and fastening their coat. Also, our big theme for this half-term is respect— we are talking about saying kind words to each other and taking care of our resources. Again, you can reinforce this at home, encouraging your child to look after their belongings and encouraging them to say positive things about others.



### Physical development

- \*Enjoy the seasonal weather with an Autumn walk. Encourage them to have fun by using their whole body, by running, climbing and jumping in muddy puddles.
- \* To help promote your children's fine motor skills you could encourage them to button up their clothes or fasten the zip on their coat.. These are important life skills but they are tricky for little fingers. So children need lots and lots of practice to make perfect.



We will be enjoying new 'book hooks' every week, getting to know our stories really well, joining in repeated refrains, sharing our thoughts about the characters and storylines, and deciding if we would recommend these books to our friends.



If your child has enjoyed one of our book hooks, why not head to South Moor library and see if you can borrow it to enjoy at home.

If your child has a favourite book at home, please share this with us— perhaps we can enjoy it in school too!

**You can support your child with Literacy and Maths by listening to your child read 5 times a week and adding comments to your child's reading record, and by completing the weekly challenges.**

**Please also send your WOW stars to celebrate your child's achievements at home. Thank you!**

