



3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a very enjoyable half term and that your children feel refreshed ready for their second half term in Reception.

### **Reading Books**

We are pleased to introduce new reading books for Reception which match closely to our phonics scheme. These reading books will support your child with their phonological understanding and will include the specific sounds that we have been looking at since the beginning of the term. Please encourage your child to have a go at reading these books without your support, as they will have encountered all the sounds at school. Regularly reading this book will really help to build their confidence.

Your child will also continue to take home a levelled reading book each week. Please feel free to support your child to read this book as it may include some new sounds and tricky words that cannot be decoded.

### **Reception Pickup**

Those of you who pick up your child by car may have noticed large queues forming on Newpound Lane well before pick up time. We politely request that Reception parents and carers **do not join the queue until their allotted pick up time of 3:15pm**. We also ask that, should you arrive earlier, you **do not park or wait on Newpound Lane**, as this causes further congestion. We are sure that you will agree that the safety of our children and their families is paramount. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **Phonics and Numicon Workshops**

Over this half term a Phonics and Numicon Workshop will be sent out to help you in supporting your child with their Home Learning in these two areas. The workshops are usually an opportunity to invite parents into school however, due to current guidance, these workshops will be taking place online this year. The Phonics Workshop will be sent out to parents on **Monday 9th November** and I hope that it will be beneficial to you in supporting your child with their Early Reading. If you have any questions following the workshop, please email the office and I will get back to you.

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### **Termly Reports**

Reception pupils do not take home a report for this first term. During their first half term children have been assessed in all areas of learning. I will be able to feedback your child's progress and their wonderful achievements since joining us during our conversations on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**, as well as discuss their next steps for learning.

Kind regards,

Miss Summerfield  
Reception Class Teacher

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