

# Reception Newsletter – Autumn Term



Welcome to EYFS at forest Glade Primary School. We are exciting to be starting a new academic year of fun learning with your children.

## Who's who?

Mrs Jackson in our class teacher.



Mrs McNaught and Miss Johnson are our teaching assistants.



Any questions please feel free to ask any of us. We are here to help!

## Diary Dates for this term

Reading for pleasure mornings - every **Thursday** (starting 19<sup>th</sup> September) 8.30 – 8.45am (unless told differently)

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Return to school (8.45am – 1.15pm – Collection at the Nursery gate)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 8.45am – 2.00pm – (Collection at the Nursery gate)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Full time school starts

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – EYFS Library Visit (pm)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Reception Trip to Nottingham

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Stay and Play session (2pm – 3pm)

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Half Term**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Return to school.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – EYFS walk to the Cenotaph (pm)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Enquiry Showcase 9am

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December (pm) – EYFS Nativity

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December (am) – EYFS Nativity

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (2pm – 3pm) – Stay and Play session.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Break up for Christmas

## Enquiry

This term's enquiry is a geography theme. Throughout our enquiry sessions this term, we are going to be answering the question, "How are we all different?". Each week we will be building up our knowledge to answer this question.

The first half term will be looking at ourselves and where we live.

**Week 1** - We will be identifying how people look different. We will label different body parts and create self-portraits.

**Week 2** - We will find out about feelings, our likes and dislikes and the 5 senses.

**Week 3** - We will look at how everyone has changed over time from being a baby to now and will learn which year we were born in.

**Week 4** - We will be learning who is in our families and will recognise that all families are different.

**Week 5** - We will be exploring maps, how we live in Sutton in Ashfield, exploring the different features we have in our local environment and take a trip to the nearest City of Nottingham.

**Week 6** - We will again be exploring maps, locating the UK and know that England is the country we live in. We will also look at the capital city of England and its landmarks.

After half term we will explore different celebrations and compare our country with another.

**Week 7** - We will start to explore different celebrations for around the world. We will look at Bonfire night celebrations and know how to keep safe.

**Week 8** - We will look at how we celebrate the soldiers who fought for our country. We will make poppies and take a visit to the local cenotaph.

**Week 9** - We will explore Harvest festivals and make a healthy vegetable soup.

**Week 10 and 11** - We will look at a different country (India) and look at how it is different to England e.g. flags, weather, languages. We will also learn about the Indian celebration – Diwali, follow a recipe to make Chapattis and try some Indian foods.



## PE



Reception have PE on **Wednesdays**.

Children should come to school in their PE kit and can stay in it all day. The first half term we are doing gymnastics, followed by dance after half term.

## Reading



It is essential that pupils are encouraged to read at home to develop their fluency, vocabulary and it will open many more doors to their learning.

The children will bring home a decodable reading book for them to read to you at home. Please remember to write in their reading diaries each time you read together, as each time they read three or more times a week, they get entered into a prize draw each week.



Each child has a login for the Numbots app. This is a fun way for children to develop their number sense.

## Homework

On Dojo you have access to our home learning menus. This is a great and fun way of further supporting your child's learning at home. You can pick and choose the activities and upload your evidence to Dojo to gain Dojo points. These can be done at any point up until the end of the term.



Please ensure your child has their name in all their belongings to prevent them being lost.