



Reception Newsletter: Spring 1 2024

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and had some well-earned rest. We are looking forward to a busy and happy term. We have put together some useful information for the forthcoming term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of the Reception team.



Mrs Austwick



Mrs Kent



Mrs Littlewood



Mrs Embleton



Miss Smith



Miss Brett



Mrs Morgan

Key Reception Dates

Walk around the village and to Salts Mill	3rd January 2023
Ride on a train	Week commencing 15th January
Animal visit	Week Commencing 29th January
Reception Family Sessions	5th Feb - Hockney White - 15 places 6th Feb - Hockney Blue - 15 places 7th Feb - Hockney White - 15 places 8th Feb- Hockney Blue - 15 places

Family Sessions

We would like to invite one parent per child into school to take part in creating bird feeders in school with their child. The dates are above and you can book one of the sessions via Eventbrite by clicking on the relevant class link below:

[Hockney Blue](#)

[Hockney White](#)

Learning

Our topic this term is: 'Homes!'

We will be learning about where we all live and how homes/houses differ. We will be looking at local animals and how they are the same/different to us. We will look at how things have changed through time such as clothes, the village and household items.

Here are some of the books we'll be looking at this term:



Where are we from?

In our Topic Sessions we will be looking at artefacts from the past such as items that were used in the home. If you have any that you would be willing to let us look at; either through Tapestry or brought into school, they would be gratefully received.

Picture of your home

We are learning about where we live. If you could send a picture of the children's house either as a photo or sent as an email, this would be great, thanks in advance. (We need these for Wednesday 18th January.)

Notices

Tricky Words- Now we are moving into a new term. Please can we ask you to practise the Tricky Words as often as you can. This includes revisiting sets they already know. Thanks in advance.

Class Trays - The staff will have a tray in the mornings for the children to put in their files with their Reading Books (on their allocated day) and any Tricky Words or Maths Challenges you need changing. Please be aware some challenges may not be changed on the day they are handed in, we will try and get them back to you as soon as possible.

Reading Books - We are continuing to introduce new letter sounds and ask you to keep up the good work practising them at home and applying them when sharing their reading book or library books – the children are making fantastic progress!

Library books will be changed on **Fridays** so please make sure book bags are in school on this day as we cannot send a new book without the old one being returned.

Please remember to make a short comment in your child's reading journal once they have read their book or practised their tricky words. It all counts towards gaining their star reader sticker and lets us know how your child is progressing with reading at home.

Spare Clothes - Please send in spare clothes, including socks and underwear, for your child to keep on their peg in case they should need to get changed especially now as the weather gets colder and wetter.

Junk Modelling - Please save old boxes eg toothpaste, kitchen rolls, yoghurt pots, bottle tops or lids, etc and give them to your child's class teacher for small and large junk modelling.

Clothing - Please can you make sure that **all** items of clothing, coats, hats, scarfs, gloves etc are clearly named. Lost items can be found and returned so much easier when the name is clearly visible.

Wow Moments - These are an opportunity to share your children's achievements at home with your child's class teacher that we might otherwise not hear about. For example, if your child receives a swimming badge or learns to ride their bike, this could be shared with school. **Please add these pictures or written messages to Tapestry.**

Communication - Should you have any queries or suggestions, please speak to us at the start or end of the day or feel free to email.

The following email address maybe useful:

Reception Teachers - reception@saltaireps.co.uk (please be aware this email isn't monitored during the school day, urgent emails should be sent to the office email)

Illness/Absences - absence@saltaireps.co.uk

General/Urgent enquiries - office@saltaireps.co.uk

We look forward to working with you over the year ahead. The Reception Team