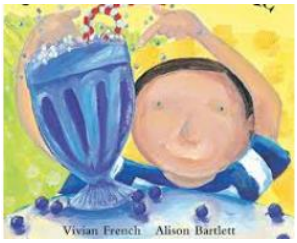
Spring 1 2019

Reception News

Welcome back!

Learning Challenge

Our Learning Challenge this half term will be 'Little Chef'. We will be focusing our activities each week around a range of stories. The first story we will be focusing on is 'Oliver's Milkshake'. We will also be looking at the story of 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and we will make our own pancakes.



Daily phonic lessons will continue every day this term and the children will be taught a specific sound in their Phonics groups. The children are also taught how to sound out a word and blend it together to read. Lots of opportunities to learn the daily sound will be placed in the provision in the classroom for the children to access independently.

In Maths the children will begin to focus on counting, number recognition, size, weight and capacity as well as some consolidation of addition and subtraction and shape. This will give the children opportunities to practice, apply and consolidate skills and prior learning. Maths challenges will also be set up in provision for children to access independently.

Thank you again for your support. Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions.

Miss Steer and Miss Griffiths

Packed Lunch

As part of being a healthy school, we kindly ask that you do not send chocolate in your child's lunch box. We encourage food such as a sandwich with a healthy filling such as cheese, tuna or ham. You could then also add a piece of fruit, yoghurt, crisps, or a biscuit. You may also put in a drink which is not fizzy or high in sugar. Please also make sure that you do not put too much in their lunch box as this can over face them.

Quick Reminders

- PE Lessons have started again. Can we ask that you help your children by encouraging them to fasten and unfasten their buttons, as this would help speed things up and make them more independent.
- As the weather is now getting much colder, could we kindly ask that your child is sent to school in appropriate clothing and footwear.
- Could we remind you to label **all** your child's clothing, even items such as coats and vests please.
- When your child comes into school, would you please say your goodbyes at the Reception door to encourage independence.
- Please remember that school closes on 15 February 2019.

Reading Books

Every child has a book to share at home with parents. We will change your child's book as soon as they have learnt to read it, so please make sure your child's book is in school **every day in a school book bag**. Children learn to read at different speeds, therefore, some of the books they bring home may not have words in them. Please encourage your child to talk about the pictures and retell the story in their own words. This is a valuable skill in helping your child's pre reading and comprehension skills.