



## Reception Half Termly Newsletter September 2020

### Welcome!

We hope you have had a rested summer in the challenging times we have found ourselves in. We are excited to welcome you to Bishop Bridgeman and getting to know you and your children. Keeping ourselves safe is our priority so please keep an eye out for any updates on the school website, Tapestry and our social media. If there is anything you are not sure of please do ask.

### Literacy

As we begin the writing journey we will encourage the children to write their names, and to make marks-describing to the adult what they have written.

We discourage the children from copying or tracing letters, and encourage the formation of letters independently. If you're not sure how to encourage your child at home, please get in touch.

Please spend time each day reading story books; and you could also make up your own! During week 4 each child will receive a reading book and reading record for you to sign each day.

### Mathematics

In maths we will practise our counting skills by counting in class and singing counting rhymes. You can encourage your child to do this at home by singing along to rhymes such as five currant buns and five speckled frogs. If you do not know these rhymes we will offer on request a rhyme sheet containing words to practise at home. We will continue to encourage children to count to 10. We will use lots of natural objects to practise saying one number name for one object.

### Assessment

Tapestry is our assessment tool. We would be grateful if all Reception parents who are yet to sign up would call in to see the teachers with an email address and we can add you. You will then be able to see your child's progress as it happens!

### Phonics

This half term we will assess the children's phonic skills and send games to play at home to support the learning. We will offer a parents phonics session this half term to give you an idea of the games we play. Each child will receive a tub of sounds and tricky words - new sounds and words will be added each week. Practising these at home each night will really support your child.

### Physical Activity

Reception will be playing games in the hall every Wednesday morning. In addition to this, the children have access to the outdoor environment every day.

We will send a letter to let you know when your child needs a PE kit.

### Computing

We will be operating computers to complete simple programs. iPads are available daily during continuous provision and the interactive boards are available at selected times too.

### RE

This term we will be listening to and talking about stories from the Bible; we will use this knowledge to make sure we are always a kind friend to others.

### Home Challenges

- Read stories at home for at least 5 minutes every day.
- Join the library and borrow story books [libraries have now re-opened]



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