Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2 2026

Raleigh Infant and Admirals Academies

Welcome

Welcome to Reception! We hope you had a great half term and you are looking forward to our second Autumn term, with lots more learning in store!

Make sure to regularly check Tapestry to see the latest updates of learning in Reception, as well as how you can support your child at home. Home learning is set every **Friday**, for us to share in class the following **Thursday**.

Important Dates



- **4.12.26 –** Christmas Craft afternoon (parent/carers invited)
- **10.12.26 –** Fundraising event – Bauble and Snow Globe Workshop
- **11.12.26 –** Receptions Christmas Performance **(9 am)**
- **15.12.26 –** Christmas Jumper Day & Raleigh Cinema trip
- **16.12.26 –** Raleigh Christmas Dinner
- **18.12.26 –** Christmas Parties and the last day of term

Wider Curriculum



Our learning theme in **PKC** for this half term is **'Transport: Past and Present'.** We will enjoy learning about transport around the world, transport in the past, present and future, road safety, and some key engineers.

PE is every **Friday**. Your child needs to come to school in their PE kit. This half term we will be focusing on dance, including moving with coordination and control.

In **RE** we will be exploring the Christmas story, and what this means to Christians.

In **PSHE** we will be focusing on; identifying talents, being special, families, where we live, making friends and standing up for yourself.

More information can be found online at www.raleighinfant.co.uk

Little Wandle LETTERS AND SOUNDS REVISED

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Phonics

This half term we will continue to learn more **Phase 2 Phonics**, using the Little Wandle Phonics scheme. We will learn Phase 2 **graphemes** and **tricky words**, alongside learning how to **blend** sounds together to read words. Please practice phonics at home as much as possible, to help secure the skills for reading. Scan the QR code above to take you to the Parents Area on the Little Wandle website to help support you further.

Your child will take home a Phonics book and a library book of their choice each week on a **Friday**. Please ensure they are taken care of and returned on this day to avoid potential fines and help us maintain our offer of books.

Our Key Focus

Letter formation

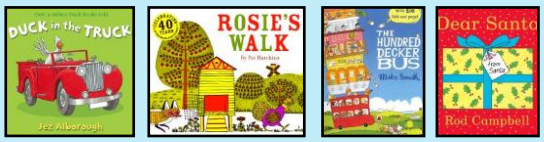
One of our key focuses this half term will be developing pencil control and letter formation. This will involve developing fine motor skills, ensuring a correct pencil grip is used and practicing writing letter shapes.

You can help at home by practicing writing letters regularly. Model how to hold a pencil using a tripod grip. Model the correct formation, and use the same formation phrases as we use in school (these are on the Little Wandle website). Keep us posted of your child's progress on Tapestry!

The Weather

As you know, our learning in Reception occurs both inside and outside of the classroom, and we like to try and continue to go outside regardless of the weather (within reason). With the wetter weather this half term, please ensure your child has a **coat**, a change of **clothes,** and if possible **wellies** to change into when needed.

Literacy



In **Literacy**, we use '**Drawing Club**' to develop children's fine motor skills and creative thinking, alongside their writing. Our key texts this half term will be '***Duck in the Truck***' by Jez Alborough, '***Rosie's Walk***' by Pat Hutchins, '***The Hundred Decker Bus***' by Mike Smith, and '***Dear Santa***' by Rod Campbell.

When practicing writing at home, please encourage your child to use their growing phonics knowledge to spell. In Reception. words do not need always to be spelt correctly, just 'phonetically.

Mathematics



In **Maths** this half term we will be exploring a range of number-based mathematical concepts including **subitising**, **counting**, **composition** and **comparison**, alongside wider mathematical concepts such as **comparing size, mass** and **capacity, spatial awareness** and **geometry**.

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